EXTRACTS

FROM THE

Rules and Regulations

OF THE

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

ART. 3.—Any resident in town over fourteen years of age, may take books from the Library. Children under fourteen may take books on presenting Application Card signed by their parents or guardians, whom the trustees will hold responsible for the safe return of the volumes.

ART. 4.—Every person so entitled to borrow books from the Library shall receive from the Librarian a printed Application Card to be regularly filled and returned, and in exchange for the same, the Librarian will, if satisfactory, give a Call Card to be retained as filled out by the Librarian. On this shall be stamped the date of "Loan" and "Return" of each book taken.

ART. 5.—No person shall be allowed more than one book at one time; and no book can be exchanged on the same day on which it is taken out.

ART. 6.—If a "Call Card" be lost, another will not be issued to the same person till the expiration of two weeks from the time the Librarian is notified of the loss, except on payment of ten cents.

ART. 7.—No book shall be kept from the Library *over two weeks* under a penalty of five cents for every three days delay. Unlabeled books renewable for two weeks. *Labeled books not renewable.* The Librarian shall notify any person withholding a book beyond the time allowed; and the expense of such notice shall be added to the fine.

ART. 8.—If any book shall be lost, or materially injured, the person to whom it stands charged shall either pay the appraised value thereof, or replace it by a new volume or set (if it belongs to a set) of the same or a later edition, and of equal value, besides paying all fines that may have accrued on said book.

ART. 9.—The Librarian shall withhold the use of the Library from those persons from whom fines are due; and from all persons who misuse or damage books, and shall appraise the amount of damage done to books, subject to appeal to the Trustees.

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.
1856
WAKEFIELD

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.
1856
WAKEFIELD

535-n/3

THE SIXTY-FOURTH

7921 x

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1876,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

AUDITORS, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, FIRE ENGINEERS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

DURING THE YEAR 1875.

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY 1856 WAKEFIELD

WAKEFIELD:
W. H. TWOMBLY, PRINTER, WAKEFIELD'S BLOCK.
1876.

Ref.
352
W14

J-
25909

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY
1856
WAKEFIELD

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1875-6.

SELECTMEN.

WILLIAM S. GREENOUGH, *Chairman and Secretary.*
WM. K. PERKINS, ROBERT L. MURKLAND.

CLERK.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

TREASURER.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

ASSESSORS AND FENCE VIEWERS.

EDWARD MANSFIELD, DAVID PERKINS, R. L. MURKLAND.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman.* DANIEL G. WALTON,
CYRUS N. WHITE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM F. POTTER,* *Chairman*, . .	Term Expires	1876.
CHARLES R. BLISS, " . .	" "	1876.
LUCIUS BEEBE, ...	" "	1877.
CHAPLIN G. TYLER, ...	" "	1877.
HENRY D. SMITH, *Secretary*, . .	" "	1878.
GEORGE W. ABORN, ...	" "	1878.

*Resigned.

AUDITORS.

T. J. SKINNER, FREEMAN EMMONS, E. E. EMERSON.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

OTIS V. WATERMAN.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*	S. O. RICHARDSON,
CHESTER W. EATON, *Treasurer*,	FRANCIS P. HURD,
THOMAS WINSHIP,	GEORGE A. HARDY,
EDWARD MANSFIELD,	JOHN M. CATE,
THEODORE E. BALCH, *Sec'y*,	AZEL AMES, JR.,
MRS. ELIZA A. WAKEFIELD,	HENRY D. SMITH,

MRS. HARRIET N. FLINT.

Highway Surveyors.

JOHN H. PERKINS,	Centre District.
DAVID BATCHELDER,	North "
GEORGE K. GILMAN,	South "
A. N. BLANCHARD,	East "
CYRUS KIMBALL,	West "
JOSEPH TUTTLE,	Woodville "

Board of Health.

S. O. RICHARDSON, J. R. MANSFIELD, J. P. TUCKER.

Engineers of Fire Department.

J. W. JENKINS, *Chief*, A. J. HUTCHINSON, *Sec'y*.
JOHN H. EMERSON.

Constables.

DANIEL CAREY, MOSES STAPLES, CHAS. H. DAVIS.

Police Officers.

CHAS. H. DAVIS, *Chief*, MOSES STAPLES, F. G. COKER,
DANIEL CAREY, JOSEPH TUTTLE, R. L. COOPER,
ISSACHAR STOWELL, I. F. SHELDON, GEO. A. DALAND,
MAJOR TATTERSALL, JOHN F. ALEXANDER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEO. W. ABORN, GEO. M. HALL.

Pound Keeper.

JOHN B. ATWELL.

Measurers of Wood.

JOSEPH TUTTLE, C. W. GREEN, H. A. HORTON,
JOSHUA WALTON, LUCAS SMITH, HENRY CLAY,
A. J. HUTCHINSON.

Truant Officers.

DANIEL CAREY, WILLIAM G. SKINNER.

Field Drivers.

JAMES GILL, SYLVESTER BURDITT, H. M. RIDEOUT,
E. E. OLIVER, DANIEL W. HUNT.

List of Jurors

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN NOVEMBER 2D, 1875.

Abbott, Benj. F.
Abbott, George
Atwell, Wm. H.
Atwell, John
Britton, Richard
Beckford, Charles F.
Batchelder, David
Bancroft, Benj. F.
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Cooper, Reuben L.
Carey, Daniel
Curtis, Andrew
Daland, Geo. A.
Eaton, Levi B.
Emerson, John H.
Eaton, Isaac F.
Gilman, Geo. K.
Green, Chas. W.
Haskell, Henry L.
Hartshorne, Chas. F.
Hartshorne, Wm. H.
Jenkins, John W.
Lally, Thomas
Mason, David P.
Mansfield, James J.
Murkland, Rob't L.
Morrison, Geo. R.
Nichols, Hero
Oliver, James
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Perkins, David
Perkins, Wm. K.
Perham, Joshua
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Pitman, Lawrence J.
Pope, J. Holman
Putney, Stillman J.
Richardson, Solon O.
Sheldon, Isaac F.
Skinner, Wm. G.
Southworth, Mason S.
Sweetser, Jewett B.
Sweetser, E. Felton
Staples, Moses
Tyler, John A.
Walton, Solon
Walton, J. C. W.
Westgate, James
Williams, Francis
Woodward, James F.
Young, Wm. F.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1875-6.

For Support of Schools,	$12.500 00
School Contingent Fund,	1,000 00
Support of the Poor,	4,000 00
" " Fire Department,	4,700 00
Highways and Bridges,	4,000 00
Railing for Highways,	500 00
Payment of Town Officers,	2,800 00
Expense of Street Lamps,	1,200 00
Support of Public Library { including dog tax 1874-5, $383.04, }	583 04
Case G. R. Barnes *vs.* Town,	4,700 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	4,000 00
Building Orchard Street,	200 00
" Cottage "	500 00
" Summer "	400 00
Reservoir, Melvin "	600 00
" Cor. School and Central Streets,	200 00
Total Appropriations, Selectmen's Department,	$41,883 04
For Payment of Interest on Town Debt,	9,500 00
Total appropriations,	$51,383 04

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation authorized,		$12,500 00	
Less amount transferred to School Contingent Fund, by vote of Town Feb'y 21st, 1876,		250 00	
			$12,250 00

Expended as per following details:

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Melvin J. Hill,	High School, (11 mos.)	$1,650 00
Abbie F. Nye, Asst.	" " . .	568 75
Eliza M. Greenwood,	Asst. High School, .	75 00
M. E. Wentworth,	Advanced Grammar,	650 00
Abbie S. Perkins,	First " .	507 00
Ella M. Pinkham,	Second " .	507 00
Lilla M. Means,	Third " .	507 00
Francella M. Evans,	First Primary, .	448 50
C. Eveline Sweetser,	Second " .	448 50
Elenora Hutchinson,	Training School, .	650 00
Alice M. Wiley,	" " .	54 00
Hattie E. Perkins,	" " .	87 00
Clara M. Sweetser,	" " .	48 00
Myra A. Stearns,	" " .	27 00
Alice Alexander,	" " .	30 00
Susie A. Turnbull,	" " .	30 00
Clara M. Sweetser,	Ricker Primary, .	36 00
Alice M. Wiley,	" " .	30 00
Myra A. Stearns,	" " .	51 00
" "	Franklin Street, .	204 00
Alice M. Wiley,	" " .	66 00
M. Annie Warren,	" " .	448 50
Sara L. Thomas,	" " .	207 00
" "	North District, .	218 50
Cora B. Bancroft,	" " .	180 00
Julia L. Hopkins,	" " .	108 00
Annie R. Killoran,	East " .	390 00
Amount carried forward.	. . .	$8,226 75

Amount brought forward, . . .		$8,226 75
Paid Emma L. Upham,	" " .	234 00
Ella M. Dager,	West " .	429 00
Sophie F. Hamblin,	" " .	448 50
Frannie L. Hartshorne,	Greenwood, .	400 50
Mary E. Stocker,	Woodville, . .	109 20
E. Fannie Butterfield,	" . .	144 00
L. J. Mansfield,	" . .	190 00
F. E. Grover,	Music Teacher, . .	272 00
Total Salaries,	. .	$10,453 95

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Wm. H. Wiley,	High School Building,	$296 66
Wm. G. Skinner	Centre District, .	63 00
Abel F. Hutchinson,	" " .	154 00
James E. Buckley,	Franklin Street, .	71 00
Henry Phelps,	North District, .	36 75
Jerry Lyons,	East " .	13 50
Geo. H. Wiley,	" " .	21 00
Jonas Cowdrey,	West " .	55 50
Isaac F. Sheldon,	Greenwood, .	33 75
E. Butterfield,	Woodville, .	29 25
Wm. Ricker,	Ricker Primary, .	13 50
Total, ...		$787 91

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Geo. W. Aborn,	42 Tons Coal at $7.90,	$331 80
" " "	1 " " 9.00,	9 00
" " "	Basketing, . .	75
" " "	2 Cds Oak Wood at $10.00	20 00
" " "	3 " Pine " " 7.00	21 00
" " "	Teaming, . .	2 00
" " "	Matches, . .	55
Joseph Tuttle,	35 Cds Oak Wood at $8.00	280 00
" "	10 1-2 " Pine " " 5.50	57 75
Amount carried forward, . . .		$722 85

Amount brought forward, . . .			$722 85
Paid H. D. Hoyt, 2 1-2 C'ds Pine Wood at		6.00	15 00
J. J. Mansfield & Son, 8 1-4 ft. Oak "		10.00	10 31
Benson & Hall, 8 Tons Coal, "		8.25	66 00
" " Basketing, . .			6 00
Asaph Evans, Preparing Fuel, . .			68 58
Moses G. Hobson, " " . .			15 13
Waldo E. Cowdrey, " " . .			3 00
Isaac F. Sheldon, " " . .			13 00
Jerry Lyons, " " . .			4 75
James E. Buckley, " " . .			14 75
Wm. H. Wiley " " . .			4 50
Total, ...			$943 87

Recapitulation.

Appropriation brought forward,		$12,250 00
Expended:		
Teachers' Salaries, .	$10,453 95	
Janitors' Services, .	787 91	
Fuel Account, .	943 87	
Total Expended, . .		$12,185 73
Balance Unexpended, .		$64 27
		$12,250 00

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriation authorized, .	$1,000 00	
Transferred from regular appropriation by vote of Town, February 21st, 1876, .	250 00	
Cash refunded by School Committee on acc't Singing Books,	53 82	
		$1,303 82

Expended as per following details:

Paid American Tablet Co.,	bl'kb'ds and erasers,	$6 40
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.,	gong, etc. . .	8 63
Murphy, Leavens & Co.,	brushes, dusters, etc.	64 60
Daniel Cummings & Co.,	brooms, pails, etc.	22 90
S. R. C. Association,	broom, . .	45
Doane & Greenough,	ink, . . .	17 00
Skinner & Co.,	conveying music teacher,	48 00
Conant & Newhall,	printing, . .	5 00
W. H. Twombly,	printing, . .	39 25
W. H. Twombly,	stove, . .	35 00
Joseph Cartwright,	" and repairs, .	18 25
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	" " .	158 10
M. S. Southworth,	building fence north side High School lot, . . .	78 06
Richard Britton,	collecting statistics,	15 00
G. W. Kendall,	wheelbarrow, .	8 00
B. Peabody,	new pump and repairs, .	22 00
Melvin J. Hill,	sundries, . .	14 40
L. P. Goullaud,	singing books, .	166 66
White & Goullaud,	pitch pipes, etc. .	4 50
C. P. Foster,	books and supplies,	151 02
Young & Bartlett,	books, etc. .	9 26
Misses Perkins and Pinkham,	stationery, .	12 50
J. L. Ross,	repairs on furniture, . .	8 33
Geo. K. Gilman,	labor Greenwood school yd.	49 83
H. N. Winslow,	teaming, . .	1 50
H. L. Haskell,	labor and repairs, .	3 00
W. A. Hamblin,	" " .	9 75
Lewis Fairbanks,	" " .	11 25
Bacon & Sweetser	" " .	40 40.
Staples & Teague,	" " .	11 12
J. B. Wiley,	" " .	12 60
C. H. R. Cheney,	repairing clocks, .	4 00
H. L. Hall,	" " .	4 25
Luther Crocker,	repairs, . . .	2 25
Amount carried forward,	. . .	$1,063 26

Amount brought forward,		$1,063 26
Paid John Purington,	repairs,	30 99
M. C. Taylor,	"	57 28
N. C. Mayo,	"	23 00
D. P. Richardson,	"	46 50
W. H. Wiley,	extra labor,	20 05
I. F. Sheldon,	labor and sundries,	7 37
Henry Phelps,	" "	2 50
Jonas Cowdrey,	labor,	4 15
G. H. Wiley,	"	2 27
Wm. Crane,	"	50
J. H. Perkins,	"	3 50
G. O. Sanderson,	"	1 25
Israel Gray,	"	11 75
James E. Buckley,	supplies,	20
Total Expenditures,		$1,274 57
Balance unexpended,		$29 25
		$1,303 82

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation authorized,	$4,000 00
Paid James Oliver, Chairman of Overseers, as per receipts,	4,650 00
Balance overdrawn,	$650 00

The details of expenditures will be found in the Report of Overseers of the Poor.

By vote of the Town, Feb'y 21st, 1876, the Selectmen were authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer for this Department, in excess of appropriation, if necessary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized,		$4,700 00
Expended as follows:		
YALE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.		
Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1875,		$1,229 17
Wm. Jeffers,	repairs,	146 20
J. & S. Winship,	"	121 25
J. W. Jenkins,	"	5 40
J. W. Smallcon	"	1 60
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	" and sundries,	3 64
Bacon & Sweetser,	"	3 58
J. F. Woodward & Son,	"	7 15
J. H. Emerson,	labor,	16 05
A. J. Hutchinson,	"	6 32
F. G. Coker,	"	2 00
Sylvester Burditt,	"	19 00
W. S. French,	Steward,	19 05
David Flanders,	"	31 05
G. W. Aborn,	fuel,	16 40
Citizens' Gas Company,	gas,	22 05
S. R. C. Association,	sundries,	1 50
Norcross, Mellen & Co.,	feather duster,	3 33
D. P. Richardson,	use of horses,	4 00
H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	12 00
N. B. and A. E. Proctor,	oil clothing,	15 00
Total,		$1,685 74
C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.		
Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1875,		$962 50
Lewis Fogg, Steward,		82 65
Geo. W. Aborn, fuel,		12 53
Issachar Stowell, repairs,		2 50
S. R. C. Association, sundries,		4 55
G. N. Littlefield & Co., "		15
Chas. H. Derby, use of horses,		2 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,066 88

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,066 88
Paid C. Wakefield Co., use of horses, . .	6 00
N. B. & A. E. Proctor, oil clothing, .	18 75
Total	$1,091 63

CHEMICAL ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1875, .	$258 33
W. A. Prescott, Steward, ...	26 68
Justin Howard, " . . .	25 35
Ira Wiley, rent of house, . . .	41 33
Oscar Hutchinson, " " . . .	41 67
Cutler Bros. & Co., chemicals, . .	18 90
G. N. Littlefield & Co., repairs and sund's,	6 26
Roger Howard, " . . .	4 00
J. & S. Winship, " . .	3 75
J. F. Woodward & Son, " . .	3 38
Geo. W. Aborn, fuel, ...	5 40
Howe & French, chemicals, . . .	5 67
D. B. Stedman & Co., sundries, . .	3 90
N. E. Fire Ex. Co., rubber buckets, .	9 00
H. N. Winslow, teaming, . . .	11 00
C. Hayes, rubber suits, ...	17 25
Total, ...	$481 87

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1875, .	$612 35
John M. Cate, rent of room, . . .	291 78
John F. Alexander, Steward, . .	49 58
J. & S. Winship, repairs, . .	10 00
John Purington, " . . .	27 62
Staples & Teague, " . . .	2 25
Bacon & Sweetser, " . . .	8 30
G. N. Littlefield & Co., " and sundries,	25 71
S. R. C. Association, sundries, . .	1 84
Citizens' Gas Co., gas, ...	19 35
C. H. Robertson, repairs, . . .	90
J. H. Perkins, use of horses, . . .	6 00
Total, ...	$1,055 68

Other Expenses in the Department.

Paid H. L. Hall, engineers' badges,	$6 36
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell for meetings,	3 00
W. H. Twombly, printing,	15 00
Town of Melrose, use of engine,	5 00
Andrew Goodwin, ringing fire alarm,	12 10
E. Mansfield & Son, oil, &c.,	3 70
G. N. Littlefield & Co., nails,	15
L. F. Linnell, expressing,	5 75
J. H. Eaton, "	8 90
Thomas Conely, fire police,	2 00
H. N. Winslow, teaming,	13 50
Staples & Teague, frames,	3 12
J. N. Eames, repairs,	2 50
J. P. Tucker, chamois skins,	1 90
J. H. Emerson, to complete reservoir cor. School and Central, in excess of appropriation,	100 00
Hunneman & Co., new hose and repairs,	147 49
N. E. Linen Hose M'f'g Co., repairing hose,	9 50
James Boyd & Sons, " "	2 50
Total,	$342 47

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co. No. 1,	$1,685 74
C. Wakefield Co. No. 2,	1,091 63
Chemical Engine Co. No. 1,	481 87
Washington Hook & Ladder Co.,	1,055 68
Sundry other Expenses,	342 47
	$4,657 39
Balance unexpended,	42 61
	$4,700 00

BUILDING RESERVOIRS.

Appropriation for Melvin Street, . . .	$600 00
" " North Ward, . . .	200 00
Drawn from Fire Dep't Fund by order of Board of Engineers, ...	100 00
Total, ...	$900 00

Expended as follows by the Board of Fire Engineers:

Paid N. H. Dow, as per contract, for building Melvin Street Reservoir, . .	$460 00
Sundry Individuals, for labor on North Ward Reservoir, ...	360 58
Peterson & Parker, covering stone, do., .	42 50
W. H. Twombly, advertising proposals, .	2 00
J. & S. Winship, repairing tools, . .	3 34
J. R. Horton, sundries, . . .	3 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co., tools and repairs, .	3 77
S. D. Hobson, plank, ...	7 57
Total, ...	$882 76
Unexpended balance, . .	17 24
	$900 00

This unexpended balance ($17.24) was disbursed by the Board of Engineers as follows:

Paid J. F. Alexander, Steward H. & L. Co., .	$12 50
G. W. Aborn, fuel, " " .	2 75
D. P. Richardson, use of horses, . .	2 00
	$17 25

PAYMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized, ... $2,800 00

Distributed as follows:

Paid Board of Auditors for 1874-5, . .	$100 00
" Selectmen for 1875-6, . .	400 00
" Assessors for 1875-6, . .	400 00
" Fire Engineers for 1875-6, .	100 00
James Oliver, as Overseer of the Poor, .	91 00
Cyrus N. White, " " " .	42 00
Otis V. Waterman, Collector, on acc't, .	550 00
Chas. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, .	75 00
W. F. Potter, School Committee 1875-6,	50 00
Chaplin G. Tyler, " " "	30 00
Henry D. Smith, " " "	30 00
Geo. W. Aborn, " " "	33 33
John F. Alexander, Janitor Town Hall, .	296 50
Wm. G. Skinner, Truant Officer 1874-5, .	50 00
" " " " 1875-6, .	30 00
Daniel Carey, " " 1875-6, .	30 00
Oliver Walton 2d, Return of Deaths, .	17 25
Charles H. Davis, Constable duty, .	10 00
" " Police " .	61 80
Daniel Carey, " " .	187 70
F. G. Coker, " " .	84 20
Oliver Walton, 2d, " " .	24 85
John F. Alexander, " " .	13 00
R. L. Cooper, " " .	16 30
Moses Staples, " " .	35 00
Geo. A. Daland, " " .	15 00
Henry D. Hoyt, " " .	2 50
Major Tattersall, " " .	3 60
Total expended, . . .	$2,779 03
Balance unexpended, . .	20 97
	$2,800 00

NOTE.—We deem it but just to state that both the services and expenses of Daniel G. Walton as Overseer of the Poor are gratuitous to the town.

SUPPORT OF BEEBE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation authorized, regular,		$200 00
Dog Tax 1874-5,		383 04
		$583 04
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees,		$583 04

For details of expenditure see Report of Trustees.

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,	$1,200 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Citizens' Gas Co. for gas,	804 88
G. F. D. Skinner for lighting,	60 00
Chas. S. Knowles, "	78 50
A. D. Cate, "	184 84
Joseph Cartwright, lamps, etc.,	11 65
W. K. Perkins, oil, etc.,	2 79
" " labor lamp posts,	2 00
W. A. Cutter & Co., oil, chimnies, etc.,	16 10
C. R. Tuttle, " " and light'g,	11 31
Joseph Descalzo, repairs,	3 60
William Mills & Co., "	1 15
Mason & Bridger, "	11 75
Total,	$1,188 57
Balance unexpended,	11 43
	$1,200 00

CASE OF GEO. R. BARNES vs. TOWN,

FOR DAMAGES SUSTAINED ON FOREST STREET.

Appropriation authorized,		$4,700 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Geo. R. Barnes, judgment and costs,		$3,900 20
Chas. R. Train, fee and services,		300 00
C. P. Judd, services and expenses,		152 75
Henry G. Clark, M. D., Medical Expert,		150 00
Azel Ames, Jr., M. D., " "		50 00
Dr. G. Kimball, " "		50 00
James Oliver, witness fees,		8 50
Joseph Tuttle, " "		7 00
B. F. Abbott, " "		7 00
J. W. Jenkins, " "		7 00
Richard Britton, " "		5 50
Amasa Farrier, surveys,		20 25
	$4,658 20	
Balance unexpended,	41 80	
	$4,700 00	

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized,		$4,000 00
Expended as follows:		
TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.		
Paid Descalzo & Boulger, change in gas fixtures,		$270 66
Citizens' Gas Co., for gas,		490 50
J. J. Mansfield, 32 37-40 tons coal at $7.50,		247 01
H. D. Hoyt, for wood,		7 04
George W. Aborn, fuel for lockup,		9 50
Amount carried forward,		$1,024 71

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,024 71
Paid Howard Watch and Clock Co., repairing tower clock, ...	6 52
H. L. Hall, repairing hall clock, . .	1 00
J. C. Fennelly, shades, &c., . . .	6 25
J. L. Hammett, repairing settees, . .	12 00
Wakefield Rattan Co., mats, . . .	15 75
W. &. J. Martin, towels, ...	1 50
A. J. Hutchinson, gas burners, . . .	4 85
J. F. Alexander, sundries, . . .	9 43
H. D. Hoyt, lumber for coal bin, . .	3 00
C. W. Trow, repairs, ...	4 00
N. W. Turner & Co., " . . .	3 00
Staples & Teague, " . . .	6 83
Geo. H. Teague, " . . .	10 60
Moses Staples, " . . .	2 00
Lewis Fairbanks, " . . .	4 25
John Purington, " . . .	1 75
G. N. Littlefield & Co., " . . .	20 60
McLeod & Murphy, whitewashing lockup, .	4 00
Joseph Tuttle, removing ashes, . .	3 00
Total, ...	$1,145 04

NOTE.—Janitor's services charged to the appropriation for payment of town officers. The income of the Town Hall will be found in Treasurer's report.

PRINTING, STATIONERY, &C.

Paid W. H. Twombly, ptg. town reports 1874-5,	$345 70
" " " by-laws, . .	29 76
" " " and advertising, .	49 25
Doane & Greenough, books and stationery,	84 08
Board of Assessors, stationery, . . .	1 50
W. S. Greenough, postage and telegram, .	4 36
Total, ...	$514 65

Legal Services.

Paid B. F. Thomas, retainer fee and services in case Boston & Maine R. R. *vs.* Town, .		$155 00
Eaton & Hamilton, services and expenses in case Boston & Maine R. R. *vs.* Town, .		110 00
Eaton & Hamilton, services and expenses in referee case of French *vs.* Town, . .		76 32
Eaton & Hamilton, services and expenses in case of Flanders *vs.* Town, . . .		20 60
Eaton & Hamilton, sundry cases, . .		10 69
Total, ...		$372 61

Odds and Ends.

Paid John M. Cate, rent of armory,* . .		$300 00
Mrs. W. C. Bryant, bounty, . . .		100 00
Jas. Oliver, expenses as Overseer of Poor,		108 50
Cyrus N. White, " " " "		18 00
Connell & Kirk, land damage for gravel pit,		100 00
E. E. Emerson, Treas., music 4th July, .		100 00
Mrs. S. W. Locke, gravel pit on Forest St.,		200 00
Major Tattersall, night-watch for Mar., '75,		95 00
Daniel Carey, " " "		95 00
G. F. Hartshorne, plans, surveys, &c., .		10 00
George W. Aborn, balance due on account contract for building New Salem street, .		58 02
Staples & Teague, labor street signs, .		33 45
Sundry bills of Board of Health for 1874-5, as follows, viz. :		
Chas. Linnehan, use of sprinkler,	$70 00	
G. W. Kendall, repairs do., .	17 00	
J. J. Titcomb, sundry repairs, .	15 94	
G. F. D. Skinner, sprinkling sts.,	78 56	
" returning sprinkler,	6 00	
Azel Ames, Jr., postage, &c., .	8 00	
		195 50
Amount carried forward, . .		$ 1,413 47

* Reimbursed by the State.

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,413 47
Paid L. F. Linnell, expressing, . . .	4 90
George Abbott, repairing flag-staff, . .	4 25
A. W. Mitchell, police badges . . .	15 00
G. W. Aborn, posts for street signs, . .	10 00
M. E. Goodwin, repairs on fence, . .	2 12
S. S. Scranton, law book, . . .	4 50
W. G. Skinner, circulating reports, . .	18 00
J. F. Alexander, posting bills, . . .	2 50
Oliver Walton, 2d, funeral expenses of child of Albert Bradbrook, . . .	6 00
N. H. Dow, labor on drains, &c., . .	18 25
Francis M. Smith, detective incendiary case,	40 65
W. N. Tyler, special police, . . .	2 50
Daniel Carey, special police, . . .	122 65
J. W. Smallcon, repairs town pump, .	2 08
B. Peabody, pump Elm street, . . .	16 90
J. N. Eames, repairs on pump, . . .	2 00
James Gill, ringing bell, ...	10 00
Bacon & Sweetser, painting fence in old cemetery, ...	5 50
Oliver Walton, 2d, labor old cemetery, .	8 00
B. S. Moulton & Co., framing by-laws, .	3 00
Board of Health, sundry bills, . . .	6 50
A. C. Perkins, labor music stand, . .	3 00
W. K. Perkins, labor liberty pole, . .	2 00
J. F. Emerson, town treasurer, services 1874-5, ...	50 00
C. R. Bliss, School Com., services 1874-5,	40 00
Henry D. Smith, " " " .	25 00
Chaplin G. Tyler, " " " .	25 00
Total, ...	$1,863 77

EXPLANATION.—The town officers' services, which are charged to this appropriation, properly belong to the appropriation for the payment of town officers, but that appropriation having been recommended and based upon the salaries of officers for the present year only, it was exhausted for that purpose, and the Selectmen were obliged to draw upon the miscellaneous fund for the payment of these bills, which should have been presented last year.

Recapitulation.

Town House account,	$1,145 04
Printing, stationery, &c.,	514 65
Legal services,	372 61
Sundry other expenses,	1,863 77
Total,	$3,896 07
Unexpended balance,	103 93
	$4,000 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized,	$4,000
This amount was apportioned by the Selectmen as follows:	
Retained to pay bills of last year, contracted by Road Commissioners,	$500 00
For Centre district, J. H. Perkins, Surveyor,	840 00
North " Daniel Batchelder, "	525 00
South " Geo. K. Gilman, "	570 00
East " A. N. Blanchard, "	400 00
West " Cyrus Kimball, "	795 00
Woodville " Joseph Tuttle, "	370 00
	$4,000 00

Expended as follows:

BY SELECTMEN.

Balance retained by them,		$500 00
Paid Richard Britton, Treasurer of Road Commissioners, balance due, as per rep't,		7 36
B. F. Abbott,	labor,	30 00
Simeon Parker,	"	4 00
Geo. W. Aborn,	"	31 90
Thos. W. Sullivan,	"	18 75
Michael Low,	blasting ledge,	13 00
J. W. Jenkins,	breaking snow,	46 25
C. H. Derby,	" "	48 12
Cyrus Kimball,	" "	24 00
Adam Wiley,	" "	27 89
D. P. Richardson,	" "	5 10
Joseph Tuttle,	" "	28 15
J. Morrill,	" "	41 30
F. C. Skinner, gravel, etc.,		29 50
Peterson & Parker, edgestones,		72 80
Total amount old bills,		$428 12
Paid E. F. Sweetser, sundry repairs,		1 50
W. K. Perkins, setting bounds, etc.,		13 25
D. S. Fairbanks,	sidewalk Water street,	3 00
Maurice Fitzgerald,	" "	1 75
A. C. Perkins, bridge, Valley street,		5 00
Gowing & Sweetser, driveway, Orchard st.,		6 25
Total expended,		$458 87
Balance unexpended,		41 13
		$500 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.—J. H. PERKINS, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned,	$840 00
Cash drawn by Surveyor,	840 00

Mr. Perkins' vouchers show that he has expended money as follows:

Paid J. H. Perkins,	75 1-2 days' labor at	$2.25,	$169	88
" "	for horse and cart 98 d's at	1.75,	171	50
Dexter C. Wright, with horse and cart 10 1-2 days at $3.00,			31	50
Felton Sweetser, with horse and cart 4 days at $3.50,			14	00
Michael Madden,	59 1-2 days at	$1.75,	104	13
Peter Crowley,	19 "	1.75,	33	25
Timothy Reagan,	21 3-4 "	1.75,	38	06
Simeon Parker,	4 "	1.75,	7	00
Levi Flanders,	43 1-4 "	1.75,	75	69
N. H. Dow,	12 "	1.75,	20	94
William Cronan,	7 1-4 "	1.75,	12	69
Andrew Young,	7 1-2 "	1.75,	13	12
" "	with horse & cart 2 "	3.50,	7	00
E. H. Copp,	26 "	1.75,	45	50
John Whitford,	7 "	1.75,	12	25
Thomas Sullivan,	21 1-2 "	1.75,	37	63
William Bachellor,	197 loads gravel at	.04,	7	88
J. G. Morrill, removing snow,			3	75
J. W. Smallcon, blacksmith work,			5	00
Total expended,			$810	77
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Surveyor, of			$29	23
			$840	00

NORTH DISTRICT.—DAVID BATCHELDER, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned,			$525	00
Cash drawn by Surveyor,			525	00
Expended as follows:				
Paid David Batchelder, labor	15 1-2 ds. at	$1.75,	$27	12
" " "	3 "	1.50,	4	50
C. P. Poland, with horse and cart 26 1-2 days at $3.50,			92	75
C. P. Poland, with horse and cart 6 days at $3.00,			18	00
Amount carried forward,			$142	37

Amount brought forward, . . .				$142 37
Paid H. Clay, with horse and cart	10 ds. at	$3.50,		35 00
Joseph Connell, " "	8 "	3.50,		28 00
Charles Gorham," "	6 1-2 "	3.50,		22 75
J. J. Mansfield, " "	13 "	3.50,		45 50
Benjamin Jarvis,	11 "	1.75,		19 25
" "	3 "	1.50,		4 50
James B. Forsyth,	11 "	1.75,		19 25
John O'Neal,	11 "	1.75,		19 25
Lawrence Smith,	10 "	1.75,		17 50
Asaph Evans,	1 "	1.25,		1 25
J. Drugan,	2 "	1.50,		3 00
Mr. Sullivan,	3 "	1.50,		4 50
Chas. Gorham,	375 loads gravel at	5 cts.,		18 75
Wm. White,	39 " " "	4 "		1 56
G. N. Littlefield & Co., drain pipe,				6 80
J. F. Emerson, " "				5 44
S. D. Hobson, plank,				1 51
Total expended, . . .				$396 18
Leaving balance in hands of Surveyor,				128 82
				$525 00

SOUTH DISTRICT.—GEO. K. GILMAN, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned, ...				$570 00
Cash drawn by Surveyor, ...				570 00
Expended as follows:				
Paid G. K. Gilman,	65	days at	$2.00,	$130 00
E. Felton Sweetser,	38 1-4	"	2.00,	76 50
" " for team	27	"	1.75,	47 25
W. Oliver,	44 3-4	"	2.00,	89 50
E. Gowing,	42 1-2	"	2.00,	85 00
S. N. Green,	21 1-4	"	1.75,	37 19
H. Batchelder,	1 1-2	"	1.75,	2 62
H. N. Oliver,	5 1-2	"	2.00,	11 00
" " team	4 1-2	"	1.75,	7 87
Amount carried forward, . . .				$486 93

Amount brought forward, . . .				$486 93
Paid Edward Sweetser,	4 1-4	days at	1.75,	7 44
H Brown, with team,	8	"	3 00,	24 00
L. Williams,		"	2 12 1-2,	14 87
M. Phillips, clearing snow, . . .				3 34
J. P. Barker, blacksmith work, . .				7 65
S. Ray, " " . . .				1 00
R. Seaver, labor on snow-plough, . .				7 83
				$553 06
Credit by proceeds of sale of stone,				10 00
Total expended, . . .				$543 06
Balance now in the hands of Surveyor, .				26 94
				$570 00

EAST DISTRICT.—ABNER N. BLANCHARD, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned, ...				$400 00
Cash drawn by Surveyor, ...				350 00
Balance undrawn, . .				$50 00

Expended as follows:

Paid A. N. Blanchard,	43	days at	$2.00,	$86 00
" " for team	32	"	1.75,	56 00
D. S. Fairbanks, with team,	23	"	3.50,	80 50
W. Tucker,	20	"	1.75,	35 00
J. Butler,	12 1-4	"	1.62 1-2,	19 90
" "	15 1-2	"	1.75,	27 12
Issachar Stowell,	5 3-4	"	1.50,	8 62
C. Gorham,	6	"	2.00,	12 00
J. B. Forsyth,	2 1-2	"	1.75,	4 37
Benjamin Jarvis,	3	"	1.75,	5 25
S. Mayo,	2	"	1.50,	3 00
P. Downing, 48 loads gravel at 3 cents, .				1 44
D. Clayes, 146 loads gravel at 4 cents, .				5 84
Amount carried forward, . . .				$345 04

Amount brought forward,					$345 04
Paid J. Walton, blacksmith work,					2 23
Total expended,					$347 27
Balance in hands of Surveyor,					2 73
					$350 00

WEST DISTRICT.—CYRUS KIMBALL, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned,				$795 00
Cash drawn by Surveyor,				735 00
Balance undrawn,				$60 00

Expended as follows:

Paid C. Kimball,	31	days work at $2.25,		69 75
"	12 1-2	"	2.00,	25 00
"	3	"	1.50,	4 50
"	horse and cart 42 1-2 dys.	at	1.75,	74 37
"	" 2	"	1.50,	3 00
W. Sweeney,	7	days work at	1.75,	12 25
R. Barrett,	37 1-2	"	1.75,	65 61
D. Douglass,	26 3-4	"	1.75,	46 81
P. Reardon,	22 3-4	"	1.75,	39 81
A. Corbett,	25 3-4	"	1.75,	45 06
M. O'Connell,	25 1-4	"	1.75,	44 18
Simeon Parker,	19	"	1.75,	33 25
F. McCormick,	2	"	1.75,	3 50
"	5	"	2.00,	10 00
P. Hennessey	2	"	1.75,	3 50
J. McLeod,	2	"	1.50,	3 00
P. O'Connor,	10 3-4	"	1.75,	18 81
"	6	"	2.50,	15 00
W. Grant,	12 1-2	"	1.50,	18 75
Hero W. Nichols and horse, 20 3-4 days at $3.50,				72 63
P. J. Reagan,	15 1-4	days work at	1.75,	26 69
D. Hagerty,	5	"	1.75,	8 75
B. Smith,	5 1-2	"	1.75,	9 62
Amount carried forward,				$653 84

Amount brought forward, . . .			$653 84
Paid T. Flynn,	1	days labor at 1.75,	1 75
M. O'Connor,	5 1-2	" 1.75,	9 62
M. Keady,	4	" 1.75,	7 00
J. Welsh,	14	" 1.75,	24 50
J. Colter,	9 1-2	" 1.75,	16 62
P. Connell,	8	" 1.75,	14 00
J. Keniston,	1	" 1.75,	1 75
C. Kimball, breaking out snow and repairs,			7 50
J. McKay, 45 loads gravel at .05, . .			2 25
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .			18 54
C. Kimball, steel, 5 lbs. at 20c., . .			1 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co., tools, etc., . .			4 80
P. Fehen, blacksmith work, . . .			5 93
J. N. Eames, " " . . .			2 20
E. Mansfield & Sons, powder, . . .			80
J. S. Trowbridge & Co., powder and fuse,			3 10
P. O'Connor, use of drill, ...			1 12
E. B. Burgess, 10 loads gravel at 5c., .			50
Mrs. Slack, stone, ...			1 50
A. Wiley, use of drag 5 days, . . .			1 25
Peterson & Parker, covering stone, . .			3 00
Total expended, . . .			$782 57
There is therefore a balance due Cyrus Kimball, Surveyor, of			$47 57
			$735 00

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—JOSEPH TUTTLE, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned, ...			$370 00
Cash drawn by Surveyor, ...			331 46
Balance undrawn, ...			$38 54
Expended as follows:			
Paid Joseph Tuttle,	33 1-4	days labor at $1.75,	58 17
" horse and cart	32 1-4	days at 1.75,	56 43
Amount carried forward, . . .			$114 60

Amount brought forward, . . .			$114 60
Paid James Lang,	37 1-4 days labor at	1.75,	65 17
Charles Oliver,	33 1-4 "	1.75,	58 17
Jerry Cronan,	12 1-4 "	2.00,	24 50
"	11 3-4 "	1.75,	20 56
John Doyle,	11 3-4 "	1.75,	20 56
James Eager,	14 3-4 "	1.00,	14 75
John Reardon,	1 "	1.75,	1 75
285 loads gravel at 4c., ...			11 40
Total expended, . . .			$331 46

Mr. Tuttle reports that the above has been expended by streets as follows:

Nahant street, ...	$156 08	
Water "	164 63	
Franklin "	10 75	
		$331 46

BUILDING ORCHARD STREET.

Special appropriation, ...		$200 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid G. F. Hartshorne, surveys, plans, etc., .		9 50
Joshua White, as per contract, . . .		190 00
Total, ...		$199 50
Balance unexpended, . .		50
		$200 00

BUILDING COTTAGE STREET.

Special appropriation, ...	$500 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid G. F. Hartshorne, surveys, plans, etc., .	20 00
Patrick Kenney, on account contract, .	230 00
W. S. Greenough, Chairman Board of Selectmen, and held by him to meet the provisions of the contract, . . .	250 00
	$500 00

BUILDING SUMMER STREET.

Special appropriation, ...	$400 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid G. F. Hartshorne, surveys, plans, etc., .	20 50
W. S. Greenough, Chairman Board of Selectmen, and held by him to meet the provisions of the contract, . . .	379 50
	$400 00

RAILING FOR HIGHWAYS.

Special appropriation, ...	$500 00
Expended under the direction of Wm. K. Perkins, as follows:	
Paid S. D. Hobson, for lumber, . . .	$221 37
S. Faulkner & Son, stone and labor, . .	53 80
Wm. Sweeney, labor, ...	11 37
Mike Foley, "	4 38
Amount carried forward, . . .	$290 92

Amount brought forward, . . .	$290 92
Paid John Doyle, labor, ...	7 00
Mike Valters, "	3 50
A. Stubbs, "	24 94
Mike Connor, "	3 50
B. F. Abbott, "	2 00
James Killorin, "	2 00
J. O'Neal, "	2 00
G. A. Daland, "	8 85
B. Randall, "	16 12
J. W. Smallcon, for iron, . . .	33 75
G. N. Littlefield & Co., for iron, . .	12 59
Lead, oil and sundries, ...	17 04
Use of horse, ...	3 00
15 days labor at $3.00, ...	45 00
Railing R. R. Bridge at Greenwood, . .	17 64
W. K. Perkins for lumber, . . .	1 44
Total expended, . . .	$491 29
Balance unexpended, . .	8 71
	$500 00

The foregoing accounts comprise those which have come under the immediate supervision of the Auditors during the year, having been taken from the Auditors' books, and put into a condensed form. The accounts which follow are furnished by the various Town Officers after having been properly vouched for their correctness by the Auditors.

The total amount of orders drawn by the Selectmen is $42,073.72, being an excess of $136.86 over the amount of appropriations, caused by the overdrawal in the Poor Department. The net unexpended balances in the other departments amount to $513.14.

T. J. SKINNER,
FREEMAN EMMONS, } *Auditors.*
E. E. EMERSON,

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year ending April 1st, 1876.

Expenses at the Almshouse.

Paid Joseph Tuttle, Keeper, salary in full,	$350 00
For grain, meal and flour,	662 57
groceries,	552 79
meat and fish,	513 31
dry goods and clothing,	208 76
coal,	192 10
glass, crockery and hardware,	17 23
labor,	189 50
boots and shoes,	90 95
physician's services and medicines,	41 74
household furniture,	82 46
wheelwright and blacksmith's work,	62 10
repairs on buildings,	98 48
building vaults,	80 00
farming tools,	18 16
harness, and repairing same,	27 06
field and garden seeds,	9 13
school books and stationery,	16 43
stock,	46 00
ice,	17 00
record book for vagrants,	9 75
standing grass and straw,	44 44
sundries,	48 96
Total expenses at the almshouse,	$3,378 92

RECEIPTS.

Received for labor, ...	$296 11	
" " produce, . . .	149 13	
" " board, ...	81 71	
Total receipts, ...		$526 95
Net expense at almshouse, . .		$2,851 97

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid board and care of Nelson Sweetser, Hospital,	$205 05
" " " Mary E. Osborne, . .	192 86
" " " Wm. C. Bryant, . .	131 57
City of Boston for Teresa Blakely, . .	48 24
" " Wm. Hanglin, . .	6 00
" Fitchburg for Elijah Edson, . .	149 05
" Lawrence for Michael J. Welch, .	1 25
Supplies to Albert H. Danforth, . .	2 75
" Mrs. Thompson, . . .	11 65
Board and care of Jane Foster, . . .	14 50
Funeral expenses of Betsy Wilder, . .	7 00
" " Marcellus Edmunds, .	27 00
Allowance to Mary Phipps, . . .	78 00
Physician's bill for James Kelly, . .	6 50
" " Mrs. Hobbs, . .	10 00
" " J. A. Foster, . .	7 00
" " and supplies to H. W. Fowler, . . .	19 75
Supplies to Lawrence Denehey, . .	22 55
" " T. McLaudiff, ...	9 75
" " Chas. Sweetser, . . .	3 50
" " Geo. M. Ardell, . . .	19 75
" " John S. Mann, . . .	18 00
" " Mrs. Hollander, . . .	11 50
" " J. J. Cummings, . . .	5 50
" " Martin Donahoe, ...	12 40
Amount carried forward, . . .	$1,021 12

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,021 12
Supplies to Wm. Flynn, ...	11 63
" " John Skully, ...	14 00
" " Mary Reagan, ...	6 40
" " Samuel Mayo, . . .	62 50
" " Susannah Ellis, . . .	52 00
" " James Mooney, . . .	12 50
Board of daughter and supplies to Barnard Derby, ...	66 75
Wm. Newhall, board of child, . . .	104 00
Mary Deering, board of child, . . .	78 00
Rent and supplies to Mrs. A. L. Stowell, .	51 50
Supplies to Mrs. Geo. K. Walton, . .	12 22
Supplies to Wm. O'Neil, ...	15 25
Mrs. Rebecca F. Foster, board of child, .	48 00
Sarah Nichols of Burlington, . . .	73 00
Ellen Duffin, of Boston, ...	78 00
Town of North Reading for John Chandler,	77 16
Expenses in the case of Ann Mulloy, .	43 08
Expenses in the case of Fred Marden, (State pauper,)	4 43
Supplies to Mrs. Bransfield, . . .	6 00
" E. W. Wood, . . .	26 50
" Dan'l Shanahan, . . .	8 50
" John Haggerty, . . .	16 05
" Mrs. R. A. Sloan, . . .	288 56
" Mrs. Ellen Kelly, . . .	3 40
" W. J. McKinley, . . .	5 50
" Frank Pendle, . . .	11 50
" T. Mulligan, . . .	14 90
Funeral expenses of Patrick Tully, . .	4 00
Supplies to Richard Donahoe, . . .	4 50
Relief to John McCarty, . . .	4 00
Expense of G. W. Blaisdell at Westboro,	3 14
Supplies to tramps, ...	53
Removing Kelley family to N. H., . .	14 40
Total expenses away from the Almshouse,	$2,243 02

Receipts.

Received, City of Salem for Wm. H. Batchelder,	$13 00
Town of Stoneham for Mrs. Hobbs, .	10 00
" Saugus for Charles Sweetser,	3 50
" Peabody for J. S. Mann, 1874-5, . . .	23 25
" Orleans, Mrs. Sloan, 1874-5,	249 81
of Geo. K. Walton for wife, 1874-5,	14 07
Estate of Ann Mulloy, . .	43 08
State for Jane Foster, . . .	6 00
" H. W. Fowler, . .	7 71
" Removing Kelly family, .	14 40
Town of Concord for John Chandler,	38 58
Total receipts, ...	$423 40
Net expense away from the Almshouse, . .	$1,819 62

Recapitulation.

The Overseers have received from		
former Board, ...	$90 26	
Town, ...	4,650 00	
		$4,740 26
Net expense at the Almshouse, .	$2,851 97	
away from Almshouse,	1,819 62	
		$4,671 57
Balance in Overseer's hands, .		$68 67

Largest number of inmates,	29
Average " "	21 1-2
Present " "	16
Average expense per week,	$2 55
Travelling paupers relieved,	490

Inventory of Personal Property at the Almshouse.

Stock,	$1,025 00
Hay and grain,	350 00
Carriages, harnesses and tools,	975 00
Provisions,	325 00
Household furniture,	780 00
Miscellaneous,	325 00
Total,	$3,780 00

Inmates of the Almshouse.

Mr. Dan Rankin,	74	years of age.
Warren Burditt,	66	" "
James Lang,	42	" "
James Eager,	15	" "
Thomas G. Tuttle,	24	" "
John H. Slocomb,	10	" "
Geo. A. Burditt,	6	" "
Mrs. Keziah Burditt,	64	" "
Sarah Emerson,	84	" "
Rosella Slocomb,	33	" "
Susan Burditt,	24	" "
Miss Etta W. Slocomb,	14	" "
Eulalia Slocomb,	12	" "
Margaret Eager,	13	" "
Juliette Eager,	11	" "
Cora Slocomb,	8	" "

There is due from the town of Orleans for Mrs. Rufus A. Sloan, $60.00.

The increasing number of travelling vagrants has required the fitting up of an additional room in one of the outbuildings, at a cost of about thirty dollars, which has been charged to the account of repairs on buildings, whilst as a sanitary measure, brick vaults at a cost of eighty dollars have been constructed. The health of the inmates has been generally good, but one death having occurred during the year, that

of a nameless waif whose home for a few days was at the Almshouse. The number of tramps has increased from four hundred and twenty-nine in 1874-5, to four hundred and ninety in 1875-6; and the actual cost for lodgings and meals for these vagrants cannot be less than two hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES OLIVER,
DANIEL G. WALTON,
CYRUS N. WHITE,
} *Overseers of Poor of Wakefield.*

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENTS.

Taxes of 1872.

C. W. EATON, - *Collector.*

Uncollected balance, as per report last year, .		$433 38
Paid Town Treasurer, .	$96 25	
Abated by Assessors, . .	337 13	
		$433 38

Taxes of 1873.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, - *Collector.*

Total amount assessed, as per report last year,		$80,685 75
Less errors corrected by Auditors, . . .		333 03
Correct amount assessed as per Collector's books,		$80,352 72
Received as interest, ...		1,276 79
		$81,629 51
Paid Town Treasurer, .	$77,347 81	
Abated by Assessors, . .	2,104 18	
Discounts allowed, . .	2,066 22	
Amount uncollected, . .	111 30	
		$81,629 51

Taxes of 1874.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, - *Collector.*

Total amount assessed,		$79,247 83
Received as interest,		809 67
		$80,057 50
Paid Town Treasurer,	$72,039 61	
Abated by Assessors,	765 99	
Discounts allowed,	2,360 95	
Amount uncollected,	4,890 95	
		$80,057 50

Taxes of 1875.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, - *Collector.*

Total amount assessed,		$59,076 58
Received as interest,		23 30
		$59,099 88
Paid Town Treasurer,	$40,845 34	
Abated by Assessors,	646 55	
Discounts allowed,	1,834 79	
Amount uncollected,	15,773 20	
		$59,099 88

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAS. F. EMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

DR.

To cash balance in Treasury,	$10,689	45
hired on town notes,	10,000	00
interest received on loans,	171	11
release of tax deeds,	442	95
income of Town Hall,	415	00
rec'd of O. V. Waterman, col. 1873-4-5,	59,577	78
rec'd of C. W. Eaton, " 1872,	96	25
Francis Williams, auction'r license 1875,	2	00
from sale of Common grass,	5	00
rec'd from J. D. Mansfield, for druggist license,	50	00
rec'd of County Treas. for rent of Court room,	250	00
rec'd of First District Court lockup fees,	82	91
rec'd of C. Wakefield Estate, acc't Road Commissioners,	27	60
rec'd on school contingent proceeds of concert for music books,	53	82
State Corporation Tax,	7,395	79
" aid,	1,689	50
" National Bank Tax,	1,026	30
W. G. Skinner, auctioneer license 1876,	2	00
State school fund,	298	90
" armory rents,	308	00
sale of soil and old iron,	2	00
from County Treasurer, dog tax,	453	90
" sale of Town History,	21	95
Total,	$93,062	21

CR.

By cash paid Selectmen's orders,	$41,694 24
" principal on loans,	10,000 00
" interest "	9,084 96
" for release deeds,	11 00
" lockup keeper (Court fees),	82 91
" State Treas. 1-4 liquor license rec'ts,	12 50
" State aid,	1,890 50
" " tax,	4,580 00
" " Bank tax,	952 42
" County tax,	2,938 20
" Saugus tax,	4 75
" for deeds of real estate sold to the town in payment of taxes,	303 21
" for recording at Registry of Deeds,	6 80
" Treas. Public Library, Flint memorial fund interest,	70 00
balance in Treasury,	21,430 72
	$93,062 21

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1875,		$141,600 00
since hired by Treasurer,		10,000 00
		$151,600 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1875,		10,000 00
Total loans,		$141,600 00

Loans are now held, March 5, 1876, as follows:

Capt. Henry Bancroft, due May 4, 1876,	$10,000 00
Bonds to bearer, $1,000 each, due June 1, 1876,	10,000 00
Amount carried forward,	$20,000 00

Amount brought forward,	$20,000 00	
Capt. Henry Bancroft, due Jan. 10, 1877, ...	15,000 00	
Home Savings Bank, due Oct. 18, 1877, ...	20,000 00	
Hon. Otis Norcross, due April 27, 1878, ...	8,000 00	
State Treasurer, due May 1, 1879, ...	10,000 00	
State Treasurer, due May 20, 1881, ...	19,600 00	
Bonds to bearer, $1,000 each, due June 1, 1881, . .	19,000 00	
Bonds to bearer, $1,000 each, due May 1, 1882, . .	30,000 00	
Total, .		$141,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes and Bonds bearing interest March 5, 1876,	$141,600 00	
Add interest due on Notes and Bonds to Mar. 5, 1876, . .	2,554 17	
Due to individuals on account of State aid, ...	90 50	
Outstanding town orders, . .	379 48	
		$144,624 15
From which deduct:		
Cash in Treasurer's hands, . .	$21,430 72	
Due from State on account of State aid, as per return Dec. 31, '75,	1,872 00	
Tax deeds held by Treasurer, .	510 14	
Due on Tax List, 1873, . .	111 30	
" " 1874, . .	4,890 95	
" " 1875, . .	15,773 20	
Amount carried forward,	$44,588 31	

Amount brought forward,	$44,588 31	
Due from J. M. Cate, account of armory rent, ...	92 00	
		$44,680 31
Net total debt, . . .		$99,943 84
Total debt as per report last year, . .		106,754 54
Total debt as per report this year, . .		99,943 84
Decrease since 1875, . .		$6,810 70

STATE AID.

Amount allowed various individuals for - year ending March 1, 1876,	$1,871 00	
Balance due from Treas., March 1, 1875,	110 00	
		$1,981 00
The Treas. has paid of the above am't,	$1,890 50	
Due from Treas. to March 1, 1876,	90 50	
		$1,981 00

The amounts which have been paid each person appear in the following statement:

Elizabeth R. Anderson,	$78 00	Sarah S. Mason,	$56 00
Mary V. Brown,	52 00	Mary McGuire,	52 00
Wm. C. Bryant,	72 00	Elizabeth Moses,	44 00
Amelia A. Carter,	48 00	Johanna Orpin,	48 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	52 00	B. A. Osgood, guardian,	12 00
A. M. Chandler,	32 00	Esther S. Parker,	44 00
Thos. W. Coombs,	96 00	Lucy Poland,	88 00
Ada E. Cowdrey,	52 00	Edwin W. Reed,	21 00
E. T. Cooper, guardian,	4 00	John P. Ross,	24 00
Mary A. Curtis,	96 00	Lydia Sweetser,	52 00
John Davis,	92 00	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
Victor Eaton,	50 00	Geo. W. Townsend,	140 00
Rodney Edmands,	48 00	Mary S. Wheeler,	48 00
O. N. Gammons,	26 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	78 00
John L. Holden,	3 00	John Whitford,	84 00
Sarah C. Hudson,	54 00	Geo. N. Whiting,	69 00
Harriet E. Jones,	6 00	Hiram Woodis,	54 00
Geo. H. Jackson,	19 50		
Lucinda Locke,	48 00		$1,890 50

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen would respectfully present to the town the following report upon the various matters that have been referred to them by vote of the town; also a condensed summary of the more important matters of public interest upon which they have taken action during the year.

Town History.

At the last annual town meeting, various propositions for reducing the price of copies of the Town History were made and rejected, therefore the Board have supplied such demand as there has been for the book at the original prices fixed by vote of the town. But six copies have been sold during the year, leaving seven hundred and fifty-three copies on hand. We have no special recommendations to offer in regard to the disposition of this property, but trust that the town will take wise action thereon.

Chestnut Street Crossing.

In compliance with instructions from the town, able counsel were employed to defend the suit brought by the Boston & Maine Railroad Company to recover from the town the expense of erecting and maintaining the gate at the above named crossing, and for salary of Gate Keeper. The case had been fully prepared for trial by the counsel for the town, who were confident of a decision in their favor, but the day previous to the time appointed for a hearing before the January term of the Superior Court for Suffolk County the Boston & Maine Railroad withdrew their suit. Thus endeth this lesson. It has been a somewhat expensive one to the town, but we trust not without profit to all parties interested.

Lighting Town Hall.

We were authorized, by vote of the town, to make such alterations in the manner of lighting the Town Hall as seemed for the interest of the town, with a view to effecting a saving in the expense for gas.

In October last the alteration was made by removing the four circles, containing fifty-one burners each, and putting in one centre fixture with fifty-two burners and a reflector, and eight new burners in the galleries, giving one hundred and forty-four less burners than before. During the five months that have elapsed since the change was made, the expense for gas has been $138.60 less than for the same months of the previous year, the Hall having been lighted nearly as many hours. The whole cost of the alterations was $270.66.

Gravel Pit New Salem Street.

The claim of Joseph Connell for additional compensation for land taken by the town for a Gravel Pit on New Salem street, was "referred to the Selectmen with discretionary powers," by vote of the town. On the 7th of July, 1875, a hearing was given to the parties interested, and after due consideration the Selectmen voted to allow Messrs. Connell and Kirk, the owners of the land, $37.50 additional compensation; this award was accepted, and a receipt in full for all claims against the town on account of the above named Gravel Pit was given.

Claim of Ellen Regan.

This claim being for compensation for land taken by the town to widen Highland Street, was also "referred to the Selectmen with discretionary powers." A hearing was given July 7th, and the Board subsequently voted not to allow the claim.

Claim of John B. Atwell.

Article 31 of the warrant for the last annual meeting, "to see if the town will refund to John B. Atwell a portion of the taxes paid by him upon his estate on Prospect street,"

was "referred to the Selectmen with discretionary power." The subject matter of this article has been carefully considered by the Board, and we would respectfully report, that, in our opinion, the assessment made upon the estate of John B. Atwell on Prospect street was just and fair, and that the town ought not to refund any portion of the taxes paid by the said Atwell upon said estate.

R. L. G. Armory.

It will be seen by reference to the Town Reports for 1874-5 that the Selectmen paid to Capt. J. M. Cate for rent of Armory for 1874, one hundred dollars more than was returned by the State. This payment (of $400) was made upon the supposition that the State would allow that amount. When it was discovered, at the beginning of the present municipal year, that the State had returned to the Town Treasurer but $300, it was mutually agreed between the Selectmen and Capt. Cate that the amount overpaid for 1874 should be deducted from the amount due for rent for 1875, and the Board feeling confident, from representations made to them, that the State would allow $400 for the year 1875, paid to Capt. Cate $300, in the expectation that the previous overpayment would thus be balanced. But as the State have finally decided to pay but $308, there now remains a balance of $92, in which sum Capt. Cate is indebted in the town.

Tax Collector.

Mr. Abel F. Hutchinson was chosen to the office of Tax Collector, at the last annual town meeting, but failed to furnish a Bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office as required to do by the provisions of sec. 72, chap. 18 of the General Statutes; therefore the Board of Selectmen, on the 23d of August last, appointed Mr. Otis V. Waterman Collector *pro tempore*. Mr. Waterman furnished a satisfactory Bond and entered upon the discharge of his duties at once, his compensation being fixed at one per centum of the gross amount of the taxes collected by him.

Liquor Licenses.

On the first of May, 1875, the License Law, so called, went into effect, and numerous applications were made to the Board for licenses to sell spirituous liquors under the provisions of the law, but for reasons which have seemed to the Board good and sufficient all such applications have been refused, with the exception of that of Dr. J. D. Mansfield, who applied for a license of the *fourth class*, to sell spirituous liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes, which was granted. For this license the minimum fee of $50 was paid to the Town Treasurer.

Claim of James French.

Acting under instructions from the town, the Selectmen came to a mutual agreement with Mr. French that his claim for reimbursement for moneys paid for certain tax titles, and for certain expenses connected therewith, amounting to about $500, should be submitted to George Wm. Phillips, Esq., as Referee. Hearings were had, both parties being represented by counsel, and the decision of the Referee was that the town should pay to Mr. French the sum of $185. This award is now pending in the Superior Court for Suffolk County on objections by counsel for the town.

Water Street Bridge.

At a town meeting held November 2d, 1875, the Board of Selectmen were instructed to repair the above named bridge and put it in a safe condition. The Board have not yet acted upon their instructions for the reason that we find the bridge to be in a safe condition and not needing repairs. In our opinion, the trouble, which the person who caused the article under which the above mentioned action was taken to be placed in the warrant, wishes to remedy, is wholly caused by obstructions in a part of the water-course situated on private land, and over which we have no control.

Claim of David Flanders.

This claim, which has caused some trouble and expense, originated from the refusal of the Board of Engineers to approve a bill of Mr. Flanders for services as steward of the Yale Engine Company, amounting to $32. The Board of Selectmen having been notified by E. A. Upton, Esq., Attorney for Flanders, that unless the bill was paid a suit would be brought against the town to recover the amount, took the matter into consideration at the regular meeting, November 18th, 1875. The Board of Engineers then stated their reasons for refusing to approve the bill, chief among which was the reason that, in their opinion, Flanders had charged for labor which had not been performed. In compliance with the unanimous decision of the Board of Selectmen an offer of settlement was then made through Mr. Upton, upon the following terms, viz.: To pay David Flanders twenty-five dollars in full satisfaction of his bill; or, should he refuse this sum, to refer the matter in dispute to any three disinterested persons; Flanders to choose one, the town to choose one, and these two to choose a third, the decision of the three to be final. This proposition was not accepted, and suit was brought in the Municipal Court for this District. The Selectmen deeming it to be for the interest of the town that the suit should be properly defended, and as there was not sufficient time in which to call a town meeting, employed Messrs. Eaton & Hamilton as counsel for the town. Before a decision was given by the Court, the counsel for the plaintiff withdrew the suit. The action has again been brought in the same Court; and, as we understand, is to be tried before a jury; but as the time set for trial is subsequent to the time for holding the annual town meeting the matter will be brought before the town for their action.

Fire Engineers.

During the progress of the before mentioned trial it was discovered that the Board of Engineers had been illegally chosen. This fact having been brought to our notice, at a

regular meeting of the Board held January 27th, Messrs. John W. Jenkins, Andrew J. Hutchinson and John H. Emerson were *appointed* Engineers of the Fire Department, to serve until May 1st, 1876, or until their successors are appointed.

New Salem Street.

The County Commissioners, together with the Selectmen, having viewed New Salem Street on the 23d of June, 1875, and said County Commissioners having then and there accepted said street, the Selectmen, at a regular meeting held June 24th, 1875, voted to accept the street from the contractor, Mr. G. W. Aborn, and to relieve him from further liability under his contract. The final payment to Mr. Aborn of $999.00 was made as follows: $940.98 being the unexpended balance of the original appropriation of $5,000—turned over to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen by Richard Britton, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Road Commissioners—paid June 24th, 1875, and the balance due, $58.02, drawn from the miscellaneous appropriation and paid July 1st, 1875. In compliance with a vote of the town, passed at a meeting held November 2d, 1875, the street was "closed for repairs," and so remains to the present time. In our opinion the best interests of the town demand that some action should be taken for opening the street to public travel and making it safe therefor.

Highway Department.

In consequence of the office of Road Commissioners having been abolished by vote of the town at the last annual meeting, many of the duties that previously devolved upon that Board, have been discharged by the Selectmen. At a special meeting of the Board, held May 1st, 1875, the amount raised and appropriated for repairs of highways and bridges ($4,000) was apportioned as follow, viz.:

Centre District,	$840 00	(9 miles of streets.)	
North "	525 00	(5 "	")
East "	400 00	(5 "	")
West "	795 00	(8 "	")
South "	570 00	(5 "	")
Woodville "	370 00	(4 "	")
Reserved to pay highway bills of last year,	500 00		
Total,	$4,000 00		

On the same day a written notification was forwarded to each of the Highway Surveyors, giving the amount apportioned to his District, calling attention to the laws governing the expenditure of the same, and recommending that ten per centum of the amount be reserved to defray the expense of removing snow; a list of the streets assigned to each district was also given to the Surveyor, and blank Monthly Pay Rolls upon which a detailed account of all expenditures made, with vouchers therefor, could be kept, and the same having been duly sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, presented to the Selectmen for payment at the first regular meeting in each month. This system of accounts has been adhered to by the Surveyors, and has we think been satisfactory to all parties.

Summer Street.

Acting upon a proper petition of citizens of the town, a duly notified public hearing having been given, the Selectmen reported to the town at a meeting held November 2d, 1875, in favor of laying out the new town way now known as Summer street. This report was accepted and adopted, $400 being appropriated to build said street. The contract for building the street was awarded to Messrs. E. F. Sweetser and Ezra Gowing, they being the lowest bidders at $297. This contract is not yet fulfilled.

Orchard Street.

The report of the Selectmen for laying out the new town way now known as Orchard street having been made and

acted upon at the same time and in the same manner as in the previously mentioned case, and $200 having been appropriated to build said street, the contract was awarded to Joshua White, he being the lowest bidder, at $190. This street has been built in a satisfactory manner and accepted from the contractor.

Cottage Street.

This street was laid out at the same time and in the same manner as the two previously mentioned, and $500 appropriated to build it. Patrick Kenney, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract for building the street at $349. The street is now in process of construction.

Otis Street Extension.

The Selectmen also gave a duly notified public hearing on Sept. 25th, 1875, to the petitioners for laying out a new town way over the private way now known as Otis Street Extension, and after due consideration, decided not to report in favor of laying out the street as petitioned for.

Greenwood Street.

On Sept. 25th, 1875, the Selectmen gave a duly notified hearing to the petitioners for widening and straightening Greenwood street, but, as the only plan proposed at this hearing for improving said street seemed to the Board so entirely unreasonable and uncalled for, either by the citizens of that portion of the town (with one or two exceptions) or the public in general, and as *any* widening and straightening of the street would necessitate a large expenditure of money, the Board voted unanimously not to report the proposed alterations to the town.

Article 8th, of the warrant for a town meeting held Nov. 2d, 1875, which was referred to the Selectmen with instructions to report at a future meeting, was as follows viz.: "To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to widen and straighten Greenwood street, giving them authority to employ

a Civil Engineer for that purpose, or what action they will take in the matter."

In accordance with the vote of the town, the whole matter was again considered by the Selectmen, and we would respectfully offer the following

REPORT:

In our opinion the proposed widening and straightening of Greenwood street ought not to be made.

RAILING DANGEROUS PORTIONS OF THE HIGHWAY.

At the last annual town meeting $500 was appropriated for railing streets. This has been expended by the Board in railing such portions of the highways as in their judgment were most dangerous. For a detailed account of the expenditures in the various matters reported upon, reference should be made to the auditor's report.

WM. S. GREENOUGH,
WM. K. PERKINS,
R. L. MURKLAND,
} *Selectmen of Wakefield.*

Wakefield, March 4, 1876.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The following was the town valuation May 1, 1875:

Real Estate,		$3,200,030
Personal Estate,		677,640
Total valuation,		$3,877,670
Whole number of Polls,	1,392	
Total tax on Polls at $2.55 each,		$3,549 60
Rate of Taxation, $1.40 on $100.		
Total amount assessed,		$58,851 40
State Tax,	$4,580 00	
County Tax,	2,938 20	
Town Grant,	49,100 00	
Overlay,	2,233 20	
		$58,851 40
Whole number of Dwelling Houses taxed,		1,006
" " " Horses "		264
" " " Cows "		205
Amount of Real Estate held by religious societies, and exempted by law from taxation,		$144,500

Respectfully Submitted,

EDWARD MANSFIELD,
DAVID PERKINS,
ROBERT L. MURKLAND,
Assessors of Wakefield.

Wakefield, March 3, 1876.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

We herewith submit our Report of the Fire Department for the year ending March 2d, 1876.

Force and Condition of the Department and Apparatus.

The Department consists of a Board of three Engineers and 132 Members divided as follows: One Hand Engine Company, Yale No. 1, 50 Men; one Hand Engine Company, C. Wakefield No. 2, 45 men; one Hook & Ladder Company, Washington No. 1, 25 men; one Chemical Engine Company, Chemical No. 1, 12 men; and one four-wheeled Hose Carriage. All the apparatus is in good condition at the present time. We have added to the Department, the past year, two hundred feet of two-inch linen hose, which we think is much superior to the two and a half inch hose.

There is at the present time belonging to the Department, 2500 feet of leather hose in good condition, and 250 feet of linen hose, which is not safe for hard service, except the two-inch linen hose purchased the past year.

Fires and Alarms.

The losses during the past year have not been as heavy as the previous year. The Department were called out to thirteen alarms, five of which were working fires. The total amount paid by insurance companies was $2,530. Following is the list of fires and alarms for the year ending March 2, 1876: —

July 2. House on Melvin Street, owned by the John Caby estate. Loss $780. Insured for $1,900.

July 24. House on Hart Street owned by Dr. Jordan. Loss $75. Insured $2,000.

Sept. 3. Alarm caused by burning brush near Ice Houses.

Sept. 27. Alarm from Reading.

Dec. 3. Alarm from Stoneham.

Jan. 18, 1876. Alarm from Stoneham.

Jan. 21. Alarm from Woodville, caused by burning brush.

Jan. 29. House corner Valley and Cottage Streets, owned by Wm. Ellett. Loss $525. Insured $950.

Jan. 29. Woodshed on Nahant Street, owned by Samuel Buckley. Loss $150. No insurance.

Feb. 2. Alarm from Broadway. Damage slight.

Feb. 3. House on Herbert Street, owned by Thomas Manning. Total loss. Insured $900.

Feb. 11. House on Melvin Street, owned by E. A. Upton. Loss $100. No insurance.

Feb. 19. False alarm.

Reservoirs.

Following is a list of Reservoirs and their location: Three on Main street in the centre of the town; one on Salem street, one on Park street, one on Elm street, near the house of James Eustis, one on Lowell street, near the Montrose school house, one on corner of School and Centre streets, (new one), one on Chestnut street, one on Albion street, one on the corner of Herbert and Richardson streets, one on Melvin street, (new one), one on the corner of Main and Oak streets, Greenwood. Also two stations to place engines on, at the east side of the upper lake. Also a reservoir on Crescent street, near Main, belonging to James H. Carter, Esq., which he has given permission to use in case of fire in that vicinity.

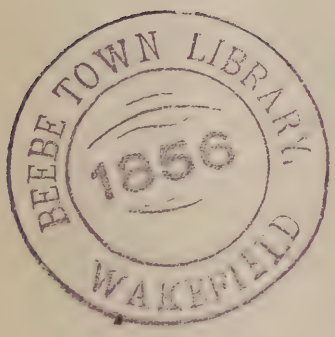
We wish to call the attention of the town to the necessity of providing in some manner for an increased water supply for fire purposes in that part of the town west of the Boston & Maine Railroad, also near the Franklin street school house.

In closing our report, we take this occasion to tender our thanks to the officers and members of the Fire Department for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have performed all duties as firemen; to the Board of Selectmen for their respect and courtesy shown the Board at all times; also to the citizens for their assistance rendered the Department the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. JENKINS, *Chief*,
A. J. HUTCHINSON,
J. H. EMERSON,
} *Engineers of the Fire Department.*

Wakefield, March 6, 1876.



POLICE REPORT.

Whole number of arrests for the year ending March 1st, 1876, was 78.

Arrested for	drunkenness,	23
"	selling liquor,	15
"	assault,	9
"	capias,	3
"	larceny,	5
"	malicious mischief,	3
"	bastardy,	2
"	vagrants,	2
"	avoiding fare,	1
"	truancy,	2
"	keeping dogs without license,	9
"	insanity,	4

Thirty-nine travelling paupers have been furnished with lodgings by the police during the year.

CHARLES H. DAVIS,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, Mass., March 6, 1876.

We the undersigned, having been constituted a Committee to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated by the Town of Wakefield at the next annual Town Meeting, to be holden on Monday, April 3d, 1876, would respectfully recommend the following appropriations, viz:

For payment of Town Debt, ...	$5,000 00
payment of Interest on Town Debt, . .	9,500 00
Support of Schools, ...	11,500 00
School Contingent Expenses, . . .	1,000 00
Fire Department, ...	4,200 00
Town Officers' Salaries, ...	2,800 00
Poor Department, ...	4,500 00
Repairs of Highways and Bridges, . .	3,000 00
Completion of New Salem Street, . .	500 00
Beebe Town Library—the Dog Tax now in the hands of the Town Treasurer, and .	200 00
Street Lamps, ...	1,200 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, ...	4,500 00
Total, ...	$47,900 00

We would recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1st, 1876, be fixed at fifteen dollars, not to include services as Steward.

We would also recommend that the compensation of Town Officers for the ensuing year be fixed at the following sums, viz :

Town Treasurer, ...	$ 50 00
Town Clerk, ...	100 00
Selectmen, $100 each, and $100 extra for Secretary, . . .	400 00
Board of Assessors, . . .	400 00
Board of Overseers of the Poor, .	150 00
Board of School Committee, . .	200 00
Board of Fire Engineers, . .	100 00
Board of Auditors, ...	100 00
Tax Collector, for collecting Tax Warrant of 1876, . . .	500 00

Signed,

JAS. F. EMERSON.
JAMES OLIVER.
B. W. OLIVER.
H. H. SAVAGE.
THOS. WINSHIP.
WM. F. YOUNG.
SOLON O. RICHARDSON.
JOSEPH TUTTLE.
WM. K. PERKINS.
GEO. H. TEAGUE.
E. A. UPTON.
S. K. HAMILTON.
WM. S. GREENOUGH.

A true copy of the Report :

W. S. GREENOUGH, *Secretary.*

BY-LAWS

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX ss.

At the Superior Court, begun and holden at Cambridge, within and for the County of Middlesex, on the second Monday of December, being the fourteenth day of said month, Anno Domini 1874,

The following By-Laws adopted by the Town of Wakefield, at a legal town-meeting, held on the twenty-seventh day of July, A. D. 1874, were presented to this Court for approval, in Vacation, to wit, on the twentieth day of October last.

OBSTRUCTING STREETS.

ART. 1. No person except the Road Commissioners in the lawful performance of their duties, or those acting under their orders, shall obstruct any sidewalk or street, or any part thereof, or break or dig the ground of the same, without first obtaining a written license from the Selectmen or Road Commissioners therefor; and the person so licensed shall put and at all times keep up a suitable railing around the parts of any sidewalk or street so obstructed or dug up, as long as the same shall be unsafe or inconvenient for travelers, and shall also keep as many lighted lanterns fixed to such railing or fence every night from twilight in the evening through the whole night as the Selectmen or Road Commissioners shall direct.

OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS.

ART. 2. Whenever any sidewalk becomes obstructed or made impassable by reason of the erecting or repairing of any building or of doing any work, the persons doing or causing the same to be done, shall place a good and convenient temporary walk around such obstructions.

AWNINGS AND SIGNS.

ART. 3. No awning or sign shall be placed or continued over any sidewalk unless the support and every part of such awning or sign shall be at least eight feet above the sidewalk, without the written consent of the Selectmen, which consent shall state the time such obstruction shall be allowed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

ART. 4. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group or near to each other on any sidewalk in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for foot passengers for a longer time than five minutes, nor after a request to move on made by any of the Selectmen, Constables or Police Officers of the Town.

ART. 5. No person shall behave himself in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language, in any public place in this town, or near any dwelling house or other building therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk, or upon any doorstep or other projection from any house or other building, so as to annoy or disturb any person or obstruct any passage to the same. And every person so being or remaining as aforesaid, when ordered by any constable, police officer, watchman, or by the owner or occupant of any building, shall immediately peaceably depart and stay away therefrom.

DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS.

ART. 6. No person shall ride or drive unnecessarily on any of the sidewalks of any street, nor allow his horse or vehicle to remain upon a sidewalk a longer time than five

minutes together, except by permission of the Road Commissioners.

INJURY TO TREES.

ART. 7. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted in any public highway, street or public lands in this town, nor drive into the same any nails, spikes, hooks or staples, nor affix any signs thereto.

PASTURING CATTLE.

ART. 8. No person shall pasture any cattle or other animals in any of the streets of the town with or without a keeper.

OBSTRUCTING CROSS-WALKS.

ART. 9. No person shall permit or suffer any horse or other animal, carriage or vehicle of any description, belonging to him, or under his charge, to stand or stop upon any cross-walk in this town for any purpose, except the taking up or setting down of passengers, or for a longer time than shall be necessary for such purpose.

MARKET STANDS.

ART. 10. No person shall stand for the purpose of effecting sales or for feeding of teams, upon any of the streets of the town, next to any private dwelling place, with wood, hay, produce, meat or other products of the farm for sale, nor near to any other building when objection is made by the owner or occupant thereof, *provided* that any such persons for the aforesaid purpose may occupy that portion of the streets next to any vacant public grounds, and that this by-law shall not apply to casual calls upon families occupying private dwellings.

FAST DRIVING.

ART. 11. No owner or person for the time being having the care or use of any horse or other beast of burden, carriage or draught, shall ride, drive or permit the same to go

at a faster rate than nine miles an hour in any street, way or public place in this town.

NUISANCES IN THE STREET, ETC.

ART. 12. No person shall place, or cause to be placed in any public street or way of this town the contents of any sink, cesspool or privy, nor place any rubbish or garbage in the same, except for the purpose of immediate removal therefrom.

ART. 13. No person shall throw a carcass of any animal into any of the ponds, streams or waters within the limits of this town, or suffer or leave any such carcass to decay on the surface of the ground, or to be insufficiently buried therein, near any building, street or public way or place.

ART. 14. No person shall at any time whatsoever carry into or through any public street, any contents of any sink, cesspool or privy in any vehicle which shall not be effectually covered and water tight, nor suffer the same to remain standing unnecessarily in any such street, nor remove from their premises the contents of any cesspool or privy between the hours of six o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening, unless by the written consent of the Selectmen or Board of Health.

DEFACING FENCES, ETC.

ART. 15. No person shall make any marks, letters, or figures of any kind upon any wall, fence, post, tree, building, or structure, without the permission of the owner thereof.

FIRE ARMS.

ART. 16. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol, fire arm, or set fire to any materials known as fire works, or other combustible matter, or throw any such lighted fireworks in any of the streets or avenues of this town.

BONFIRES.

ART. 17. No person shall make any bonfire or other fire in any of the streets, avenues or public ways of this town.

COASTING.

ART. 18. No person shall coast in any of the streets or public walks of this town.

BATHING.

ART. 19. No person shall bathe or swim without personal covering, in any public or exposed place in this town.

BALL PLAYING.

ART. 20. No person shall throw stones or other heavy missiles, nor play at base ball or foot ball within any of the public streets or public grounds of this town without permission of the Selectmen first obtained.

PENALTIES.

ART. 21. Every violation of any of the foregoing by-laws shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered by complaint before any District Court or any Trial Justice of juvenile offenders in the County of Middlesex.

DISPOSAL OF PENALTIES.

ART. 22. All penalties recovered for the violation of either of the foregoing by-laws shall be paid into the Treasury of the town to such use as the town, from time to time, shall direct.

Special By-Laws of the Town of Wakefield, concerning Truant Children and Absentees from School.

SECTION 1. Any minor between the ages of seven and fifteen years, convicted of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets and public places of this town having no lawful employment or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to any institution of instruction or suitable situation to be provided by the town, or provided by law, for the purpose, for

such time not exceeding two years as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction may determine. Any minor so committed may upon proof of amendment, or for other sufficient cause shown upon a hearing of the case, be discharged by such Justice or Court.

SECT. 2. Justices of district courts, trial justices for juvenile offenders, and judges of probate within and for the County of Middlesex, shall have jurisdiction of the offences described in Section one.

SECT. 3. The School Committee of the Town shall appoint and fix the compensation of two or more suitable persons, to be designated as *truant officers*, who shall, under the direction of said committee, inquire into all cases arising under these by-laws, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereon. The compensation of such officers shall be paid from the treasury of the town.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the School Committee and of the Superintendent and Teachers of the public schools to report the names of any person or persons violating the provisions of these by-laws to the truant officers of the town.

PROSECUTORS AND COMPLAINANTS.

ART. 23. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, Constables, Police Officers and Watchmen, to prosecute every violation of the foregoing by-laws, by complaint as hereinbefore mentioned. All prosecutions shall be commenced within three months of the violation of the by-law.

And afterwards, to wit: at this present term of said Court, viz: on this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1875, said By-Laws, being seen and understood by the Court, are approved.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of record, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Superior Court, this thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1875.

THEO. C. HURD, *Clerk.*

List of Tax Deeds now held by Town Treasurer for non-payment of Taxes.

Estate of	*Tax of*	*Original Tax.*
Philip Fehen,	1872	$34 27
J. W. Bancroft,	1873	29 26
Thomas W. Coombs,	1873	57 48
Donald Douglass,	1873	16 43
A. J. Edmands,	1873	20 53
Rodney Edmands,	1873	34 49
Alson L. Marshall,	1873	26 98
Caroline R. Nichols,	1873	104 87
James Nichols,	1873	51 49
James French,	1873	5 97
Walcott & Young,	1873	5 97
John McLoud,	1873	15 90
"	1874	16 24
C. Wakefield,	1874	sundry lots, 90 26
	Total,	$510 14

THE CENSUS.

The following interesting statistics have been kindly furnished us by Col. C. D. Wright, Chief of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, &c.:

WAKEFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

	1875.	*Comparative figures for* 1865, (*So. Reading.*)
Total Population,	5,349	3,244
Males,	2,511	1,494
Females,	2,838	1,750
Families,	1,274	730
Ratable Polls,	1,379	—
Legal Voters,	1,218	643
Naturalized Voters,	236	—
Aliens,	149	—
Dwelling Houses,	1,010	563
Dwelling Houses occupied,	951	—
Dwelling Houses unoccupied,	59	—

INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS FOR 1875.

Number of Manufacturing Establishments, 82

(Of the above, 49 are establishments engaged in such occupations as Blacksmithing, Carpentry, etc.)

Value of goods manufactured and work done,	$1,302,311
Capital invested,	1,263,530
Value of stock used,	539,398
Persons employed,	1,059
Value of buildings used for manufacturing purposes,	$305,525
Value of average stock on hand,	499,890
Value of machinery,	134,392

Comparative figures from Industrial Statistics of 1865, (*South Reading.*)

Value of goods manufactured and work done,	$735,220
Capital invested,	303,400

Above are Currency value; average Gold premium in 1865, 57 per cent.; in 1875, 12 per cent.

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Jan. 23	Maxwell, Winfield...	19	Stoneham.....	Farmer	Stoneham	Lewis and Eliza	First....	James O. Boswell,
	Boswell, Clara F.....	21	Wakefield		South Reading.	James O. and Caroline F.....	First....	J. of P., Wakefield.
Feb. 7	Smith, Thomas H....	22	Wakefield.....	Laborer	Wakefield	Barnard and Ann.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	O'Leary, Julia.....	20	Wakefield		Ireland.....	Arthur and Julia.....	First....	Wakefield.
Mar. 10	Preston, Benjamin F.	23	Wakefield	Coal-dealer.	Lynnfield	Benjamin W. and Martha E.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Smith,
	Rust, Maria A.....	25	Ipswich.....		Ipswich	William W. and Mary.....	First....	Ipswich, Mass.
18	Wellman, J. Wesley..	55	Wakefield	Cotton Merchant.	Farmington, Me	James and Sarah F.....	Second .	Rev. C. L. McCurdy,
	Tasker, Ann M. (Collins)	47	Cambridge....		Boston, Mass...	John and Eliza.....	Second .	Wakefield.
28	Reardon, Cornelius..	35	Wakefield	Tailor	Ireland	Michael and Elizabeth.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Cronin, Ellen.....	35	Wakefield		Ireland	David and Barbara	First....	Wakefield.
April 3	McDonald, George...	24	Somerville....	Hospital Attendant.	Nova Scotia....	Alexander and Margaret.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,
	Gwynn, Lucy Jane...	18	Wakefield		Newburyport...	James and Mehitable	First....	Wakefield.
8	Cobb, Alonzo S.....	23	Wakefield	Tin-man....	Westbrook, Me.	Merrit N. and Louisa L.....	First....	Rev. Wm. F. Potter,
	Townley, Ida L.....	20	Wakefield		Orange, N. J....	Benjamin and Jane	First....	Wakefield.
May 1	Blomberg, Nils.....	24	Wakefield	Gardener ..	Sweden.....	Troides Nilson and Bangta	First....	Rev. J. S. Dahleen,
	Lilyenquist, Mary....	23	Wakefield		Sweden.....	John and Anna	First....	East Cambridge, Mass
2	Smith, Lawrence.....	23	Wakefield	Laborer	Wakefield	Lot and Catherine	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Stanton, Margaret....	19	Wakefield		Ireland	William and Mary	First....	Wakefield.
5	Beede, Warren H ...	22	Lynn	Cutter.....	Lynn	Moses H. and Mehitable L.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,
	McClellan, Susan L..	19	Lynn		Londonderry, N. S.	John and Mary.....	First....	Wakefield.
5	Emerson, Fred C.....	28	Wakefield	Mechanic...	South Reading..	Abraham and Mary B.....	Second .	Rev. Chas. Keyser,
	Allen, Annie A.....	20	Stoneham.....		Beverly.....	Seth D. and Lydia F.....	First....	Wakefield.
13	Bean, William H.....	28	Boston.....	Provision Dealer.	Sydney, Me.....	David and Fanny	Second .	Rev. John Peterson,
	Chesley, Mary L.....	28	Boston.....		Nova Scotia.....	Russell and Salida	First....	Wakefield.

May 23	Sullivan, Jeremiah...	26	Wakefield	Shoemaker.	Ireland.....	Michael and Honora.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Healy, Honora.....	18	Wakefield		Ireland.....	Jeremiah and Julia.....	First....	Wakefield.	
23	Lapham, Elbridge W.	21	Chelsea	Moulder....	Providence,R.I.	Oliver and Mehitable.....	First....	Rev. Wm. F. Potter,	
	Cobb, Abbie C.....	20	Wakefield		Portland, Me...	Benjamin B. and Joanna.....	First....	Wakefield.	
24	Rowe, Leonard B....	24	Melrose.....	Carpenter..	Saugus	Joseph and Melinda.....	First....	Rev. S. B. Sweetser,	
	Evans, Sadie E.....	24	Wakefield		Wakefield.....	Asaph and Lucinda.....	First....	Melrose.	
25	Pratt, Thomas B.....	19	Wakefield	Milk Dealer	Wakefield.....	Harris and Hannah J.....	First....	Emory O. Bean,	
	Robie, Carrie A.....	21	Readfield, Me.		Readfield, Me ..	William and Eliza Ann.....	First....	Justice of the Peace.	
28	Buckley, William P..	22	Wakefield	Engraver...	Boston.....	John and Catherine.....	Second .	Rev. J. J. Hilton,	
	Kendrick, Alice E....	18	Wakefield		Boston.....	William A. and Emeline C.....	First....	Boston.	
June 13	Newhall, Charles M..	23	Lynnfield.....	Trader.....	Lynnfield.....	Allen A. and Sally A.....	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser,	
	Little, Susan L., (Brimblicorn.)	38	Lynn.....		Lynn.....	John and Elizabeth.....	Second .	Wakefield.	
2	Nye, Edward B.....	27	Wakefield	Mechanic...	Montpelier.....	Ezekiel D. and Sarah Ann.....	First....	Rev. Wm. Barrows,	
	Hersey, M. B. (Allen).	27	Wakefield		Haverhill	John A. and Eunice B.....	Second .	Reading.	
10	Mellen, Andrew.....	35	Wakefield	Shoemaker.	Albany, N. Y...	Andrew and Jane.....	Second .	Rev.Wm.A.Thompson,	
	Neary Hattie.....	33	Somerville....		Horton, N. S....	William and Rebecca.....	First....	Reading.	
14	Hamill, John C.....	24	Wakefield	Currier.....	Ireland.....	Bernard and Mary.....	First....	Chas. F. Hartshorne,	
	Johnson, Alice E.....	20	Wakefield		Haverhill, N.H.	Solomon and Nancy.....	First....	J. of P., Wakefield.	
16	Gilman, Curtis B.....	31	Lawrence.....	Operative ..	Stafford, Vt	Benjamin and Betsy.....	First....	Rev. John Peterson,	
	Wilbur, Jennie A.....	21	Lawrence.....		New Brunswick	Isaac and Eunice	First....	Wakefield.	
24	Strangman William A	26	Newburyport.	Butcher	Oshkosh, Wis ..	William and Elizabeth.....	First....	Rev. D. M. Wilson,	
	Tappan, Sylvania S...	21	Wakefield		Newburyport...	Charles and Sylvania	First....	Wakefield.	
July 8	Underwood, Henry B	35	Algona, Iowa.	Clergyman..	Poughkeepsie...	Almon and Etta.....	First....	Rev. Wm. H. Pierce,	
	Rich, Emily S.....	32	Wakefield		Arlington.....	Elkanah and Sarah.....	First....	Somerville.	
15	Cutter, Isaac M.....	27	Wakefield	Chair Maker	Charlestown....	Isaac S. and Martha A.....	First....	Rev. James K. Ewer,	
	Brown, Nellie F.....	21	Wakefield		Scituate	Thomas J. and Lydia A.....	First....	Reading.	
28	Currier, Horace P....	45	Wakefield	Needle Maker.	Lyman, Me.....	John and Hannah.....	Third...	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,	
	Scriggins, Mary E ...	24	Melrose.....		So. Boston.....	Elizabeth J. and Edwin J.....	First....	Wakefield.	
Aug. 18	Savage, Jerome.....	23	Wakefield	Watchmaker	Charlestown....	Theodore and Maria	First....	Rev. Henry W. Jones,	
	Moore, Fannie.....	21	Barnett, Vt...		Barnett, Vt.....	John H. and Harriet W.....	First....	Barnett, Vt.	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875—(Continued.)

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Aug. 19	Deming, Frank D	33	Wakefield	Overseer	Cornish, N. H.	Stephen B. and Nancy	Second	Rev. Wm. H. Wilcox, Reading.
	Moses, Vesta A. (Hill)	27	Stoneham		Stoneham	Nehemiah and Hannah	Second	
14	Kelaher, Timothy	27	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	Jeremiah and Joanna	First	Rev. John Flatley, Wakefield.
	Murphy, Honora	24	Wakefield		Ireland	Daniel and Margaret	First	
26	Blanchard, Will A	21	Wakefield	Salesman	Wakefield	Abner J. and Mary A	First	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Ballard, M. Ada	21	Wakefield		Nashua, N. H.	William and Hannah J	First	
Sept. 2	Ballard, William P.	24	Wakefield	Steel Melter	Lowell	William and Hannah J	First	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Lane, Emily A	23	Wakefield		Wakefield	David P. and Sarah G	First	
22	Allen, William C	23	Wakefield	Chairmaker	New Bedford	John C. and Avis L	First	Rev. Wm. F. Potter, Wakefield.
	Brooks, Emma J	24	Wakefield		Newmarket, N H	Samuel C. and Mary H	First	
3	Thompson, George L	25	Stoneham	Hostler	Lowell	George and Mary	First	Rev. D. C. Knowles, Malden.
	Poland, Hannah J	20	Wakefield		Salem	Jeremiah and Lucy	First	
8	Wadlin, Horace G	24	Reading	Architect	Wakefield	Daniel H. and Lucy E	First	Rev. Wm. F. Potter, Wakefield.
	Butterfield, Ella F	22	Wakefield		Saugus	E. Averill and S. Esther	First	
8	Forrest, John	25	Stoneham	Butcher	Ireland	Richard and Mary	First	Rev. John Peterson, Wakefield.
	Greene, Mary Ann	27	Stoneham		Stoneham	Jonathan and Mary	First	
19	Tilton, Horace	30	Boston	Locomotive Engineer	Brentwood, N H	John and Joanna	First	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
	Ham, Hannah E	32	Exeter, N. H.		No. Berwick, Me	Gilman and Hannah	First	
Oct. 2	Harvey, John R	34	Augusta, Me.	Farmer	Readfield, Me	William and Ann	First	Rev. John Peterson, Wakefield.
	Cole, Annie M. (Davis)	34	Wakefield		Vassalboro', Me	John and Sarah	Second	
14	Hutchings, William R	25	Gloucester	Sea Captain	Arichat, N. S.	William and Mary	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Hearn, Mary B	23	Arichat, N. S.		Arichat, N. S.	James and Isabella	First	
21	Burgess, Nathan B	21	Wakefield	Salesman	Augusta, Me	Edwin B. and Esther A. B	First	Rev. Geo. W. Quinby, Lynn.
	Sullivan, Florence L.	20	Wakefield			Edwin R. and Joanna M	First	

Oct. 24	Kelleher, John J.	26	Wakefield	Currier.	Ireland	John and Julia	First	Rev. D. D. Regan,		
	Smith, Maggie E.	21	Lawrence		Ireland	James and Ellen	First	Lawrence.		
27	Towle, George H.	24	No. Reading	Lawyer	Boston	Henry and Mary Ann	First	Rev. Wm. F. Potter,		
	Hamblin, Sarah D.	27	Wakefield		Wakefield	William A. and Mary	First	Wakefield.		
31	Smith, Barnard	56	Wakefield	Gate-tender	Ireland	Thomas and Margaret	Second	Rev. M. F. Flatley,		
	Berry, Ann, (Conlon)	45	Wakefield		Ireland	John and Bridget	Second	Priest, Wakefield.		
30	Alden, Edmund A.	26	Melrose	Driver	East Turner, Me	Columbus and Adelia	First	Rev. W. A. Start,		
	Brown, Ida	24	Wakefield		Melrose	Green and Mary V.	First	Melrose.		
Nov. 1	Connihan, Cornelius R	22	Wakefield	Baker	Newburyport	Matthew and Margaret	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,		
	Ryan, Mary	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	James and Mary	First	Wakefield.		
10	Russell, Charles N.	22	Lynnfield	Farmer	Lynnfield	Elbridge and Lucy J	First	Rev. John S. Holmes,		
	Derby, Carrie L.	20	Wakefield		Wakefield	Jonas and Olive	First	Lynn.		
11	Arrington Wm. S.	40	Janesville, Wis	Shoe Cutter	Salem	William M. and Lydia A	Second	Rev. Henry A. Metcalf,		
	Gibson, Sophia A.	27	Reading		Barnstable	James and Sophia A	First	Melrose, at Wakefield.		
14	Lyons, John M.	25	Wakefield	Carriage	Ireland	Patrick and Catherine	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,		
	Connelly, Honora	22	Wakefield	Blacksmith	Ireland	John and Joanna	First	Wakefield.		
24	Whitcomb, Arthur K.	29	Lowell	Journalist	Littleton, N. H.	Horace and Betsy R.	First	Rev. Charles Keyser,		
	Pattee, Ella M.	25	Wakefield		Searsmont, Me.	Sumner and Susan M	First	Wakefield.		
23	Tuttle, Charles R.	22	Wakefield	Grocer	Saugus	Andrew J. and Lucy B.	First	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,		
	Phelps, M. Ella	23	Wakefield		Wakefield	Henry and Sarah	First	Wakefield.		
24	Nickerson, Gilbert A.	23	Wakefield	Chair Maker	Wakefield	Solomon H. and Mary W	First	Rev. J. Peterson,		
	Townsend, Abbie L.	20	Wakefield		Wakefield	George W. and Louisa	First	Wakefield.		
25	Hentz, Fred W.	22	Wakefield	Expressman	Boston	Fred W. and Caroline L	First	Rev. A. J. Patterson,		
	Linnell, Lizzie A.	22	Wakefield		Marblehead	Lorenzo F. and Louisa H	First	Wakefield.		
28	McMahan, Thomas	38	Wakefield	Shoemaker	Ireland	John and Elizabeth	Second	Rev. M. F. Flatley,		
	Lowe, Bridget	21	Wakefield		Boston	James and Mary	First	Wakefield.		
Dec. 2	Bartlett, Ashbel V.	24	Newburyport	Train	Newburyport	Stephen and Abby W	First	Rev. John Peterson,		
	Ripley, Mary L.	22	Wakefield	Despatcher	Concord, N. H.	Daniel S. and Christina H	First	Wakefield.		
8	Mitchell, Isaac H.	38	Lynnfield	Machine	Cape Breton	Robert H. and Elizabeth	Second	Rev. John Peterson,		
	Stowell, L. S. (Durgin)	33	Wakefield	Operator	Boston	Joseph and Sarah	Second	Wakefield.		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875—(*Concluded.*)

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Dec. 9	Kelton, Robert S.....	29	Wakefield	Artist	Dorchester	Rufus and Mary.....	Second .	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,
	Ramsdell, Ada E.....	24	Wakefield		Gardiner, Me...	William M. and Eliza A	First....	Wakefield.
12	Young, Andrew.....	52	Wakefield	Teamster...	Canada.....	James and Salome.....	Second .	Rev. John Peterson,
	Quaite, Sarah A. (Buckley.)	39	Wakefield		Amesbury	James and Ann.....	Second .	Wakefield.
12	Flint, Frank A.....	27	No. Reading..	Clerk	No. Reading....	George and Betsey.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,
	Robinson, Flora I....	20	No. Reading..		Charlestown ...	John M. and Sarah.....	First....	Wakefield.
13	Kendrick, Lewis I....	23	Wakefield	Farmer.....	East Boston....	William A. and Emeline.....	First....	Rev. W. H. Cudworth,
	Willis, Theresa.....	21	East Boston...		P. E. Island....	George H. and Ann Maria	First....	East Boston.
24	Cushing, Joseph W..	22	Wakefield	Painter.....	Wakefield.....	Joseph and Sarah J	First....	Rev. W. H. Cudworth,
	Lewis, Clara A.....	23	Reading		East Boston....	Oliver and Lydia B.....	First....	East Boston.
23	Merrill, Isaac D	21	Wakefield	Baggage Master.	Atkinson, N. H.	Philip D. and Judith C	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser,
	Hayden, Henrietta S.	20	Wakefield		Amherst, N. H..	Frank W. and Elizabeth.....	First....	Wakefield.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Fairbanks, Lewis	Male	January 2	Zepheniah F. and Katie (Crowley)	Painter.
2	Russell, Bertha E	Female	2	Joseph W. and Annie C. (Eager)	Laborer.
3	Butler, Joseph	Male	3	Edward and Mary (Desmond)	Laborer.
4	Hamilton, Charlotte H	Female	6	Charles R. and Maggie (Mahoney)	Fireman.
5	McKenzie, Catherine	Female	13	John and Catherine (McCostle)	Laborer.
6	Mahoney, John	Male	20	Dennis and Mary A. (Fleming)	Laborer.
7	Sweetser, Frank E	Male	21	Jewett B. and Frances G. (Eaton)	Shoe Manufacturer.
8	Smith, Mary J	Female	31	Thomas H. and Julia (O'Leary)	Laborer.
9	Sullivan, Margaret	Female	31	Thomas and Ellen (McCarty)	Laborer.
10	Benoi, Louisa	Female	February 9	Samuel and Jane (Froton)	Laborer.
11	Richardson, Grace M	Female	11	Charles F. and Margaret S. (Reardon)	Photographer.
12	Crowley, Hannah	Female	13	William and Catherine (Lannigan)	Laborer.
13	Dunshee, Willie G	Male	13	Allen L. and Sarah M. (Austin)	Carpenter.
14	Gary, William H. H	Male	15	William H. and Elvira (Nichols)	Furniture Dealer.
15	Dennehe, John W	Male	22	William and Ellen (Connolly)	Laborer.
16	Flanders, Fredonia E	Female	23	David and Fredonia (Cutter)	Stove Mounter.
17	Danforth, Ida M	Female	25	Albert H. and Mary E. (Mellen)	Shoe Maker.
18	Wright, Nellie	Female	28	Otis and Ella M. (Newcomb)	Shoe Maker.
19	Edgecomb, Effie May	Female	March 1	Charles H. and Sadie (Ripley)	Brush Maker.
20	Bamber, David	Male	3	Isaac and Fannie (Melzinski)	Merchant.
21	Wiley, Albert H	Male	4	Albert A. and Addie F. (Ryder)	Shoe Maker.
22	Mansfield, Alice M	Female	10	W. Judson and Emma J. (Walton)	Shoe Manufacturer.
23	Dearborn, Julian R	Male	12	Nathaniel D. and Susan (Torrey)	Engraver.
24	Day, Grace B	Female	22	Hosea L. and Clara A. (Stephenson)	Baker.
25	Cowie, William A	Male	23	William and Ella N. (Butler)	Laborer.
26	Mulligan, Rosanna	Female	April 2	Thomas and Maggie (Lyons)	Laborer.
27	Murphy, Margaret G	Female	3	Daniel C and Margaret (Lahee)	Grocer.
28	Wyman, Willie T	Male	9	William T. and Eliza J. (Bateman)	Shoe Maker.
29	Belfour, John	Male	12	Alexander and Jane (Macgregor)	Laborer.
30	McLain, Lewis H	Male	15	John and Alice J. (Hurd)	Carpenter.
31	Teague, Horace Binney Sargent	Male	16	George H. and Henrietta (Whittemore)	Carpenter.
32	Welsh, Nellie	Female	17	Bartholomew and Kate (Quinn)	Laborer.
33	Ricker, Percie W	Male	25	George E. and Hattie N. (Pierson)	Showcase Maker.
34	Healey, James L	Male	27	George H. and Nellie (McCarty)	Laborer.
35	King, Washington E	Male twin	29	Washington and Mary J. (Murdock)	Shoe Maker.
36	King, Francis	Male twin	29	Washington and Mary J. (Murdock)	Shoe Maker.
37	Smith, Hattie May	Female twin	May 6	Frank and Clara (Kelley)	Laborer.
38	Smith, Alfred May	Male twin	6	Frank and Clara (Kelley)	Laborer.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875—(Continued.)

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
39	Philbrick, Eliza R	Female	May 9	Alvin S. and Ella R. (Alley)	Ice Dealer.
40	McManus, Thomas R	Male	10	John A. and Mary (Gargon)	Paper Hanger.
41	Stevens, Gertrude F	Female	11	Austin W. and Eveline (Stevens)	Shoemaker.
42	Maxwell, Mabel E	Female	12	Winfield S. and Clara F. (Boswell)	Farmer.
43	Morgan, George	Male	18	Hugh and Mary (Orpin)	Laborer.
44	Parker, Louisa B	Female	23	Horace B. and Henrietta M. (Barry)	Book Keeper.
45	Grear, Hugh	Male	23	William and Isabella (Chisam)	Laborer.
46	Malcolm, Catherine	Female	24	John and Jane (Duncanson)	Flagman.
47	Howland, William Jethro	Male	25	William J. and Emma F. (Perkins)	Druggist.
48	Loughlin, Thomas P	Male	31	John and Hannah (Lemoin)	Laborer.
49	Ruggles, Louisa	Female	June 3	Henry S. and Mary E. (Ryan)	Book Keeper.
50	Purington, Harry V	Male	5	William F. and Lillie E. (Brown)	Grocer.
51	Tully, Mary E	Female	22	Thomas and Mary (Gunning)	Laborer.
52	Brennan, John D	Male	29	Dennis and Mary (Eager)	Laborer.
53	Redington, Richard	Male	30	Patrick and Mary (Hogan)	Laborer.
54	Redican Michael	Male	July 1	James and Annie (Sheridan)	Tailor.
55	Weary, James J	Male	1	James and Catherine (Coleman)	Weaver.
56	Sherin, Patrick F	Male	3	Francis and Ellen (Foley)	Shoemaker.
57	Anderson, Jeanette	Female	4	James and Elizabeth (Nils)	Laborer.
58	Cameron, Jessie M	Female	11	James and Matilda (Lenfest)	Teamster.
59	Eaton, Lottie C	Female	12	Jacob H. and Carrie L. (Wright)	Shoemaker.
60	Titcomb, Ida	Female	17	Joseph J. and Fannie M. (Burnell)	Carpenter.
61	O'Hea, Hannah	Female	19	John and Maggie (Cochran)	Laborer.
62	Dudley, Roxella	Female	20	Dean and Mary E. (Scoman)	Publisher.
63	Wilder, Edith A	Female	22	George W. and Alphrenia E. (Richardson)	Shoemaker.
64	Graham, Edna Helen	Female	22	William and Elizabeth (Tyzzer)	Mechanic.
65	Cobb, Lillian B	Female	23	Benjamin B. and Sarah (Curtis)	Moulder.
66	Carey, Bessie Wentworth	Female	August 1	George E. and Emma L. (Wentworth)	Clerk.
67	Froton, Simon H	Male	6	Simon and Fanny (Doucette)	Laborer.
68	Foley, Hannah	Female	9	Patrick and Ellen (Horgan)	Laborer.
69	Cosman, Bessie M	Female	10	Frederic M. and Sarah A. (Stack)	Stove Mounter.
70	Winfred, Hickey	Male	13	Cornelius and Bridget (Comer)	Laborer.
71	Cooper, Mertie	Female	16	Reuben L. and Caroline L. (Tuck)	Overseer.
72	Williamson, George	Male	21	James and Isabella (Kew)	Laborer.
73	O'Neal, William	Male	29	Patrick and Ellen (Toomey)	Laborer.
74	Tyzzer, Ernest E	Male	30	George R. and Matilda J. (Edwards)	Wheelwright.
75	Goodwin, Henry M	Male	30	Michael E. and Mary (Foley)	Carpenter.
76	Carey, Mattie G	Female	1	Martha Carey	

77	Douglas, John W	Male	Sept.	2	Donald and Margaret (Collins)	Laborer.
78	Regan, Margaret A	Female		3	Timothy and Mary (Lyons)	Laborer.
79	Scully, Gertrude E	Female		5	Joseph N. and Mary (Mack)	Clerk.
80	Margaret C. Edwards	Female		11	Thomas I. and Margaret (O'Brien)	Laborer.
81	Coon, William Hall	Male		15	William L. and Nellie P. (Hall)	Custom House Officer.
82	Rideout, William W	Male		17	Henry M. and Addie (Wallace)	Clerk.
83	Reed, Lillian M	Female		24	Washington and S. Lizzie (Pratt)	Mechanic.
84	Whitford, Persis E	Male		24	John and S. Eliza (Burnham)	Laborer.
85	Greany, Daniel	Male		25	Patrick and Margaret (Sullivan)	Laborer.
86	Stone, Frederic E	Male		29	Orrin and Nellie (Cousins)	Moulder.
87	Preston, Mary I	Female		29	Joseph and Mary (McDonald)	Shoemaker.
88	Nickerson, Harry R	Male	October	5	Solomon H. and Mary (Wright)	Salesman.
89	McCormick, Mary	Female		8	Frank and Mary (Collins)	Laborer.
90	Leva, Lizzie G	Female		12	Joseph and Lizzie (Dorsey)	Laborer.
91	Sherry, Katie M	Female		15	Andrew M. and Eliza (Keeho)	Laborer.
92	Kirk, John Frederic	Male		21	John and Ella Jane (Lyman)	Salesman.
93	Millerick, James	Male		25	James and Joanna (Trahey)	Laborer.
94	French, Mabel L	Female		30	William C. and Abby L. (Chandler)	Real Estate Broker.
95	Emerson, Emily E	Female	Nov.	2	Frederic and R. Fannie (Howard)	Chair Maker.
96	Shea, Floretta F	Female		4	John F. and Mary (Donnivan)	Carpenter.
97	Gibbs, John G	Male		6	John G. and Esther S. (Devanny)	Laborer.
98	Grady, James M	Male		8	Patrick and Bridget (Kelly)	Carpenter.
99	Ross, Marian A	Female		9	James O. and Catherine (Arrington)	Laborer.
100	Mears, Edward A	Male		12	Samuel A. and Anna J. (Perkins)	Laborer.
101	McDonald, George W	Male		19	George and Lucy J. (Gwinn)	Att'nd'nt in Asylum.
102	Reardon, Patrick	Male		22	Patrick and Mary (Whelan)	Laborer.
103	Haggerty, Mary E	Female		26	John and Ellen (Meloney)	Tailor.
104	Gowen, Jessie	Female		26	F. A. and Mary J. (Horne)	Book-Keeper.
105	Abbott, Clarissa C	Female		27	George and Charlotte (Newcomb)	Shoe-packer.
106	French, Bell	Female			Winfield S. and Fannie L. (Hanscomb)	Carpenter.
107	Kendall, Arthur I	Male	Dec.	2	George W. and Myra (Wade)	Wheelwright.
108	French, Harry W	Male		4	Marcus D. and Emma J. (Jones)	Shoe-cutter.
109	Brooks, Albert B	Male		8	Albert F. and Abby F. (Bancroft)	Treasury Clerk.
110	Snow, Isabel W	Female		9	Charles M. and Catherine (McKeady)	Moulder.
111	Gihon, Nancy E	Female		9	Edmund and Ellen (Lyons)	Shoe-maker.
112	White, Isabel	Female		12	Ira E. and Sarah J. (Pearl)	Musician.
113	Bowman, Walter I	Male		14	Charles W. and Bessie (Cobright)	Laborer.
114	Ronan, James F	Male		16	Michael H. and Mary (Flannery)	Shoe-maker.
115	Pendleton, Lillie R	Female		19	Francis M. and Susan S. (Fletcher)	Carpenter.
116	Greany, Dennis C	Male		20	William and Mary (Connell)	Laborer.
117	Sweeney, William	Male		23	William and Annie (Mulrey)	Laborer.
118	Cutter, Alice Bertha	Female		27	J. Mott and Nellie F. (Brown)	Chair-maker.
119	Kenney, Owen	Male		28	Patrick and Bridget (Maguinnis)	Laborer.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875.

Date of Death.	*NAME OF DECEASED.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 2,	Staples, Sarah J		7	14	Single		Wakefield	Albert H. and Sarah Jane	Cerebritis.
3,	Sherman, Jabez	27	7	28	Married	Moulder	Fairhaven	Jesse and Charlotte	Consumption.
8,	Minniken, Lilly V	4	10	3	Single		Providence, R.I.	John and Elizabeth	Diphtheria.
11,	McCormick, Thomas	3	6		"		England	Francis and Mary	"
11,	Campbell, Bridget A	38	11	3	Married		Ireland	John and Catherine	Lung Fever.
12,	Stone, Ambrose	65	10	19	"	Shoemaker	St. Croix, C. E.	Charles and Bridget	Cystitis.
12,	Gihon, George A		7		Single		Wakefield	Edward and Ellen	Bronchitis.
13,	Nichols, Elbridge S				"		"	Jeff'n J. and S. Adelaide	Premature Birth.
16,	Evans, Amos	87	3	10	Widower	Jeweler	"	Thomas and Rebecca	Old Age.
24,	Fairbanks, Martha (Gould)	60	10	11	Married		"	William and Sally	Calculi in Kidney.
28,	Haskell, Annie M	3	5		Single		"	Henry L. and Sarah A	Gastrix Enteritis.
28,	Bradbrook, George G	2	1	24	"		Cambridgeport.	Albert and Susan	Whooping Cough.
30,	Carlson, Oscar H	2	6	6	"		Wakefield	Gustaf H. and Catherine.	Diphtheria.
31,	Carter, Charles E	19	9	19	"		Charlestown	Edwin S. and Ennice	Consumption.
Feb. 1,	Wright, Lizzie (Poland)	24	9	14	Married		Essex	Jeremiah and Lucy E	Tubercular Dis. Lungs.
5,	Westgate, Charles T	32	1		Single	Gas Pipe Fitter.	Nantucket	James and Lydia	Congestion of Lungs.
8,	Gustaf H. Carlson	38		14	Married	Gardener	Sweden	Carl G. and Annie M	Diphtheria.
10,	Skinner, Thomas B	65		22	"	Cordwainer	Wakefield	Thomas and Mary	Diabetis.
10,	Sullivan, Mary	45			Widow		Ireland		Consumption.
13,	King, Lottie C	3	5	25	Single		Stoneham	Washington and Mary	Disease of Liver.
22,	Ripley, Hannah (Maxim)	67	11	19	Married		Paris, Me	Silas and Hannah	Softening of the Brain.
28,	Hale, Frank L	1	5		Single		Lawrence	Henry F and Annie A	Tubercular Meningitis.
23,	Faunce				"		Wakefield	Edward and Huldah	Premature Birth.
23,	Wilder, Betsy (Pierce)	84	5		Widow		Charlestown	Samuel and Jemima	Paralysis.
26,	Ardill				Single		Wakefield	George M. and Hannah	Still-born.
March 8,	Smith, Alice A	3	10	4	"		Cambridge	Charles M. and C. A	Rubiola.
14,	Hartshorne, Joseph	82	8	23	Widower	Gentleman	Wakefield	James and Sarah	Ossification of Heart.
23,	Sliney, Ellen		6	18	Single		"	Timothy and Mary	Whooping Cough.
26,	McMahan, Kate		5	6	"		"	John and Mary	"
April 9,	Thayer, Charles E	62	10	12	Married	Brush Maker	Boston	Richard and Martha	Typhoid Pneumonia.
14,	Walton, Eliza (Hall)	69	6		Widow		Leominster	Gershom and Barbara	Pneumonia.
15,	Oliver, Eliza P	77			Single		Boston	Ebenezer and Elizabeth.	Paralysis.
21,	McCarty, Julia	70			Widow		Ireland	John and Julia	Phthisis.
26,	Capen, Grace L		1	2	Single		Wakefield	Ellery and Henrietta A	Pneumonia.
May 2,	Mansir, Willie E	1	10	16	"		"	William H. and Emma E	Tubercular Dis. Brain.
4,	Parker Dole	55	3		Married	Farmer	New Salem, N.H.	Edward and Mary	Killed by cars.
4,	Downs, Margaret (Bass)	31			"		England	Abel and Amanda	Abscess on Bowels.

May	4,	Thompson, Charles A.....			1	Single		Wakefield	Chas. and Georgianna F.	Cyanosis.
	5,	Minniken, Elizabeth (Fulton)	36	2	19	Married ..		England	Hugh and Margaretta....	Cancer.
	6,	Cronin, David.....	74	6		" ..	Laborer	Ireland	Daniel and Mary.....	Typhoid Fever.
	15,	Edmands, Marcellus.....	27	11	19	Widower .	Shoe-maker	Saugus	Rodney and Mary.....	Consumption.
	16,	Mitchell, Cora Vesta.....	3	8	8	Single.....		Lynnfield.....	Samuel H. and Susan J..	Scarlatina.
	28,	Donnelly, Nelly.....	7	1	12	"		Reading	John and Mary A.....	Burned.
	28,	Borthwick.....				"		Wakefield	James and Catherine....	Still-born.
June	2,	Sloan, Rufus A.....	33	9	1	Married ..	Upholsterer	Orleans	Joseph G. and Beulah...	Consumption.
	4,	White, William.....	61	10	6	" ..	Farmer	Wakefield	John and Judith.....	Peritonitis.
	8,	Milner, Margaret (Steele)....	37	8	16	" ..		Orrington, Me..	Andrew and Nancy.....	Child-birth and Tumor.
	10,	Cushman, Elizabeth (Bryant)	75	1	15	Widow ...		Gorham, " ..	Samuel and Lydia.....	Ossification of Heart.
	13,	Maxwell, Mabel E.....		1	1	Single		Wakefield	Winfield and Clara T....	Spinal Meningitis.
	18,	Hurley, Daniel J.....	9	1	5	"		Wakefield	James and Eliza.....	Dropsy.
	28,	Summers, George F.....	21	1	13	"	Shoe-maker	Lynnfield.....	George M and Mary A...	Phthisis.
	29,	Sanger, Lucy (Gould).....	63		17	Widow ...		Newton.	James and Patty.....	Apoplexy.
July	2,	Nagle, Maria B.....	21			Single		Boston.....	John and Bridget.....	Consumption.
	11,	Wiley, Nelly F.....	12	2	20	"		Wakefield.....	James M. and Amanda M.	Cere. Spinal Meningitis.
	13,	Hinchon, Honora (Shean)....	74			Widow ...		Ireland	Thomas and Hannah.....	Apoplexy.
	14,	Downs, John P.....		4		Single		Wakefield	Patrick and Margaret....	Marasmus.
	15,	Hanson, Robert M.....			1-2	"		"	Anthony and Annie L...	Premature Birth.
	24,	Dunshee, Willie G.....		5	11	"		"	Allen L. and Sarah M....	Cholera Infantum.
	26,	Mansfield, Edward G.....	33		6	Married ..	Grocer.....	Brighton.....	Edward and Clarinda....	Nephritis.
	27,	King, Francis C.....		3		Single		Wakefield	Washington and Mary J.	Cholera Infantum.
	31,	Titcomb, Ida.....			14	"		"	Joseph J. and Fannie M.	"
Aug.	2,	Birchstead, George W.....		7	19	"		"	James F. and Sarah E...	Enteritis.
	7,	Walton, Leonard.....	79	8	26	Married ..	Farmer	"	Oliver and Rebecca T....	Disease of Heart.
	7,	Pratt, Henry D. J.....	43			" ..	Chf.of Dip. Bur.	Charlestown....	Henry C. and Sarah H. J.	Pneumonia& B'ghts Dis
	8,	Faulkner, Samuel F.....	59	4	17	" ..	Stone Mason ...	Andover	Lowell and Dorcas.....	Pneumonia.
	9,	Eaton, Caroline L. (Wright) .	27	3		" ..		Danvers	Hiram and Lydia.....	Consumption.
	12,	King, Washington I.....		3	12	Single		Wakefield	Washington and Mary J.	Marasmus.
	14,	Brownell, Charles W.....		9	20	"		"	A. W. and Helen J.....	Cholera Infantum.
	19,	Ricker, Frank H.....		8		"		Georgetown	Edwin W. and Hannah M.	Enteritis.
	23,	McLain, Lewis Hurd.....		4	9	"		Wakefield	John and Alice J. P.....	Cholera Infantum.
	25,	Carey, Mattie G.....		1		"		"	Martha.	Canker.
	26,	Jarvis, Gilman D.....	15	10	17	Single	Laborer	Farmington.....	Benjamin and Eliza A...	Congestion of Lungs.
	27,	Leslie, Caroline H (Nichols).	64	8	14	Married ..		Salem.....	Hero and Mary.....	Cholera Morbus.
	28,	Savage, Selinia.....	19	8	13	Single		England	George and Emma.....	Typhoid Fever.
	30,	Kirkpatrick, Frank M.....	19	6	20	"		St. Johns, N. B..	Hugh B. and Margaret...	Cerebral Meningitis.
Sept.	2,	Wright, Joseph W.....	31	3		Married ..	Machinist	Merrimac, N. H.	Franklin and Clara A....	Consumption.
	14,	More, John.....	23	7		Single	Weaver.....	Reading	John and Mary.....	Dysentery.
	15,	Bellows, Elizabeth (Burnett)	72	11		Widow ...		Scituate	Thos. W. and Mehitable.	"
	17,	Ahlert, Mary.....	1		12	Single		Wakefield	William and Elizabeth...	Pneumonia.
	24,	Carter, Joseph H.....	11	2	4	"		Bowdoin, Me...	Edwin S. and Eunice....	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	24,	Thompson, Andrew B.....	45	6		Widower .	Farmer.....	Selkirk,Scotland	Robert and Jane B.....	Phthisis.
	25,	Philbrick, Eliza M (Cowdrey)	26	10	26	Married ..		Wakefield	John and Margaret M....	Consumption.
Oct.	19,	Hawkes, Martha (Greene)....	92		24	Widow ...		So. Reading	J. Green and Martha.....	Dysentery.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1875—*(Concluded.)*

Date of Death.	*NAME OF DECEASED.*	*Age.*			*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
		Yrs	*Mos*	*Dys*					
Oct. 19,	Biggs, Herbert F.	3		5	Single		Wakefield	William and Rebecca	Congestion of Brain.
20,	Emerson, Daniel P.	60	8	17	Married	Provision Dealer	Lynnfield	Oliver and Betsy	Bright's Disease.
30,	Emerson, Lois (Burnham)	84	10	6	Widow		"	Joshua and Lois	Old Age.
Nov. 10,	Bancroft, Ruth	86	11	5	Single		Reading	Edmund and Sarah	Congestion of Lungs.
11,	Johnson, Mary	13			"		Trenton, N. J	William and Sarah	
16,	Brewer, James	50			Married		So. Carolina		Phthisis.
19,	Currier				Single		Wakefield	Horace P. and Mary E.	Still-born.
19,	Willcutt, Lucy	82	7	20	"		Cohasset	Thomas and Susanna	Apoplexy.
27,	Bryant, Stephen N. H.	54		26	Widower.	Mason	Saco, Me	Samuel and Patience	Peritonitis.
29,	Wyman, William T.		7	20	Single		Wakefield	William T. and Eliza J.	Abscess in Ear.
29,	Gould, Mary	83	7	26	"		So. Reading	John and Mary	Disease of Heart.
Dec. 2,	Anderson, Elizabeth (Hiller).	30	11	2	Married		Scotland	John and Elizabeth	Pneumonia.
2,	Simonds, Lizzie E.	16		29	Single		Cambridgeport.	James L. and Sarah M.	Heart Disease.
4,	Brown, Charles B.	41	1	15	Married	Grocer	So. Reading	John and Harriet	Consumption.
11,	Mitchell, Milton C.				Single		Wakefield	Reuben H. and Elvira M.	Anencephala.
13,	Tully, Mary E.		6		"		"	Thomas and Mary	Meningitis.
21,	Tully, Patrick	14			"		"	Thomas and Mary	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
24,	Knight, Charles G.	19	3		"		Salem	Willard and Almira P.	Pulmonary Phthisis.
29,	Lord, George F.	42	6	23	Married	Furniture Man'r	Effingham, N.H	Thomas and Asenath	Nephritis.
30,	Kenney, Patrick S.	5	8	18	Single		Wakefield	Patrick and Bridget	Peritonitis.
June 11,	Forsyth, Hattie C.	3			"		"	James B. and Margaret A	Typhoid Fever.

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1875,	119
Males,	59
Females,	60

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield,	11	8
Other towns in the United States,	47	54
British Provinces,	6	11
Ireland,	35	37
England,	8	3
Scotland,	9	4
Poland,	1	1
France,	1	0
East Indies,	0	1

Marriages registered in 1875,	60
Widowers, 12	Widows, 8

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield,	8	8
Other towns in the United States,	38	36
British Provinces,	4	6
Ireland,	9	8
Sweden,	1	1

	Grooms.	*Brides.*
Number under 20 years of age,	2	6
between 20 and 30,	44	44
between 30 and 40,	9	8
between 40 and 50,	2	2
between 50 and 60,	3	0

Oldest Groom,	56	Oldest Bride	47
Youngest "	19	Youngest "	18

Deaths registered in 1875, ... 104

Males, . 56 Females, . 48

Average age, 29 years 2 months 14 days.

Number under 5 years of age, ...	35
between 5 and 10, ...	4
between 10 and 20, ...	9
between 20 and 30, ...	7
between 30 and 40, ...	11
between 40 and 50, ...	5
between 50 and 60, ...	3
between 60 and 70, ...	9
between 70 and 80, ...	6
between 80 and 90, ...	8
between 90 and 100, ...	1
still-born, ...	6

Nativity of Persons Deceased.

Born in Wakefield, ...	45
Other towns in the United States, . .	45
British Provinces, ...	2
England, ...	4
Ireland, ...	5
Scotland, ...	2
Sweden, ...	1

Dogs licensed in 1875, ... 241

Males, . 228 Females, . 13

Cash paid County Treasurer, . . . $472 80

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting their annual report, the Committee take pleasure in saying that the interests confided to their care have received much attention, and are believed to be in as good condition as, from the means afforded them, the citizens of the town could well expect.

They gladly bear witness to the fidelity of the teachers, to the general obedience and studiousness of the scholars, and to a good degree of co-operation on the part of parents. Few difficulties have arisen during the year either from discipline, or sickness, or loss of teachers, or any other cause; and progress in study has been uninterrupted.

Grading.

One of the difficult questions with which a School Committee in a town like ours has to deal, relates to the grading of the schools. On the one hand, it is desirable to gain the advantage that comes from system; and on the other, it is desirable to escape the evils that come from running the schools in one mould. The best results of education are lost, both when the course of education does not follow some defined and settled plan; and also when a plan is followed so closely, and with such attention to details, as to make the procedure mechanical and formal.

With the increase of scholars, it is, of course, necessary to introduce more systematic methods, and establish more minute and careful grading. The risk of making the schools more formal — more like pieces of mechanism, which may,

indeed, work beautifully to the spectator, but, after all, result in the loss to the pupils of individuality and wholesome ambition—is increased thereby. The more minute the grading, the more uniform will be the impression upon the minds of the children. The teacher, when expected to impart instruction upon but few things, will be likely to contract habits of speaking and drilling that will, unconsciously to herself, have a mechanical effect.

The concert exercises, and the necessary confinement of all the scholars to small rounds of exact duties and the unvarying daily routine, do have a tendency to assimilate minds to each other, and give a shade of truth to the remark that the graduates of our highest public schools resemble each other as closely as so many peas. It is not possible wholly to avoid evil effects of this nature. The number of scholars in public schools make it inevitable that there should be system more or less exact, and all must, to some extent, come under the system.

The Committee, however, have endeavored to adjust, so far as they could, the demands made upon scholars to peculiarities of mind, and to the varying circumstances of the pupils—such as frail health, or necessary absence for various reasons. We are reluctant to consent to the dropping of any study laid down in the course of study; yet we are not blind to the fact that it is better to keep a scholar in school, though some study be omitted, than to drive him from school by compelling him to go through a certain unvarying course. Indeed, whatever variations from the general system it seems wise to sanction in particular cases, we are always ready to approve.

We also highly prize that versatility in teachers which enables some of them to break up monotony, and arrest the evil effects of mere mechanical attention to duties, by introducing variety in exercises, and awakening, by various means, the curiosity and natural love of inquiry of scholars.

The grading of our schools has, within a few years, undergone modifications. Children entering the Centre Primary School, No. 1, at the age of five, spend one year in each of

seven schools, and at twelve reach the Advanced Grammar School. In the Ward schools the grading must be very different. The West Ward and the Franklin Street schools are the only others in which more than one grade is possible, and these have but two. The Montrose and North Ward schools are large, but not large enough to be divided.

To those persons who think highly of minute grading, this will appear to involve misfortune to the scholars in the outer Wards; but the evil is not an unmixed one. If those pupils do not have the advantages of close grading, they do not suffer from the evils of it; and, so far as our experience has yet gone, we find that when scholars reach the Advanced Grammar School, the advantage of the superior grading of the Centre schools, though perceptible, is not so great as it might be expected to be. Competent teachers in the outer Wards, with all the disadvantages of inferior grading, furnish about as good material as those of the Centre schools.

Occasionally, a class of superior excellence will come up through the grades of the Centre schools, and, being large, and having been associated together for some time, and become emulous of each other, will throw into the shade, for the time, scholars who have come in by twos and threes from the outer wards; but after a year or two real excellence finds its level, and at graduation little difference can be discerned.

In the High School some option is allowed to the scholars in the choice of studies. Formerly, all were expected to pursue the same branches; but experience has taught us that, as some scholars cannot become interested in, and will never want to pursue, certain studies,—Latin for example,—it is not wise to insist that they shall devote time to them. There are, therefore, practically, three courses of study in the High School—an English course, a mixed course, and a classical course. With the present teaching force in the school we have allowed scholars to choose their studies to an extent quite as great as is wise. The more studies, with a given teaching force, the less time can be spent upon each. Did we deem it best to employ another assistant in the school we could meet more fully the wish of some parents to have

their children study only such branches as, in their view, would be useful. In consideration, however, of the cost of the High School as compared with that of other schools in town, we are not satisfied that it would be just to expend a larger sum in sustaining it. At the same time we are confident that the best interests of the school, judged by itself, would be promoted should we add to the teaching force employed in it.

The Schools.

The year has been one of continued prosperity. The teachers have, without exception, labored diligently and successfully. The schools are large, and some of them difficult; but the Committee have found very little to reprove or correct. It is deemed a matter for congratulation that so few changes have occurred during the year. The influence and the skill which experience and continuance in the same school give a teacher, are of great value to the school and to herself. The question of transferring a teacher from one school to another, or of promoting a teacher, sometimes comes before the Committee; but it is one which, if a teacher is successful in the place she already fills, they never like to consider.

At the same time, they are not unmindful of the fact that a teacher who has proved her fidelity and ability by years of successful service, has some claim to that recognition of her services which advancement to a more responsible post gives. Circumstances, however, have not, for some time past, given that opportunity for showing such recognition, which, were the teachers less permanent, would be given. While, with so few exceptions, the teachers meet our wishes by remaining at their posts, there is opportunity neither to appoint teachers from without, of whom we think well, nor to promote those already in our service.

One teacher whose departure from us was much regretted, Miss Abbie F. Nye, resigned her post in January. She was a very valuable teacher, and by her faithful labors during eight years as assistant in the High School, did much to

make its instruction thorough, and its influence elevating. She carried with her to her new sphere the sincere respect of the Committee, the high regard of the Principal, and the affection of many pupils. Her resignation was tendered in the middle of a term, when it would be altogether unwise to transfer to her place any teacher already employed, and Miss Eliza M. Greenwood was appointed temporarily to fill the vacancy. Her success, however, induced the Committee to continue the appointment.

We do not think it necessary to pass the schools in review, and point out what we might deem the special excellences or defects of each. No brief remarks would convey any very valuable information regarding them.

It is a standing regret of the teachers that so few parents visit the schools, and learn for themselves concerning the difficulties of which complaint is sometimes made, and consult with them regarding the best method of controling those inclined to be unruly, and awakening the ambition of those who are inattentive and dull. With this regret the Committee sympathize. It is not difficult to understand how it happens that parents leave the schools almost wholly to the teachers and the Committee; but the evil flowing from such neglect is very great. Parents have no higher duty than that which relates to the training of their children. Teachers are their assistants in this matter, and the parent and the teacher should have a common understanding about the methods to be pursued, and ends to be aimed at.

Often does the remark reach the ear of the Committee, "The teacher does not understand my boy." How should the teacher understand your boy? Have you ever talked with her about his temperament and other peculiarities? The child has been under your eye from infancy. You know all about him—his failings and his excellences—and could, if you would take the time to do it, put the teacher in possession of points that, perhaps, the child, in his natural timidity, would conceal from her for years. To say nothing of many irritations which intercourse between parents and teachers would allay, it is quite certain that it would give the

teachers great advantage in all efforts to awaken the interest of the children in studies.

Singing.

In the wish to reduce expenses, it was determined, a year ago, to dispense with the services of the teacher of Music. Some of the Committee consented to the measure with great reluctance, while none wished that instruction by a special teacher in that branch should be permanently discontinued. It does not admit of doubt, that there will be serious loss if no such teacher is employed. The effect of the instruction of the former teacher, Mrs. Grover, yet remains; but many of our teachers have far too little acquaintance with the best method of teaching music, to permit the hope that they can keep the schools at the point of excellence at which they now are. A competent teacher could be secured at considerably lower rates than those formerly paid; and our conviction is very decided that the grant for schools the coming year should be sufficiently large to enable the Committee to employ such a teacher.

As will be remembered by many, a highly successful concert, under the direction of Mrs. Grover, was given by several hundred scholars in the Town Hall, last summer.

The pleasure and surprise which the attainments in music, of very young scholars, then occasioned, are not yet forgotten; and many families would deem it a great misfortune if regular instruction by a special teacher were not renewed.

Graduation.

The closing exercises of each class, on leaving the High School, are becoming more and more matters of general interest to the public.

This is, of itself, excellent testimony to the valuable results reached by the education provided by the town. It is no slight proof of thoroughness in study, and acquaintance with good methods of expressing thoughts, that young persons of the age of those graduating at our High School can present to our intelligent people so attractive entertainments. If criticism and complaint regarding our schools were common—

as, happily, they are not—it would be a ready answer to them to point to the results year by year presented for the judgment of all capable of judging. We do not challenge comparisons between our High School and Academies or endowed schools; and yet the actual ends attained by us are not inferior to those reached in many schools of such character. All graduating classes are not equally large or equally intelligent; but it is a matter for congratulation that every class is a good witness to the liberality of the town, and the fidelity of teachers.

The graduating exercises of the last class were held in the Town Hall, June 30th, in the presence of a large audience. Rev. Wm. F. Potter, then Chairman of the School Committee, presented the diplomas.

Graduates of 1875.

Alice A. Alexander,	Everett G. Daland,
Clara E. Bancroft,	Harry Foster,
Julia A. Blake,	Ida E. Pennell,
Walter O. Cartwright,	Walter F. Perkins,
Frank F. Cutter,	Susie D. Turnbull,

George A. Tyzzer.

School Houses.

It was said in the last report that the condition of the school property was such that but little money for repairs would be required; and, as a matter of fact, little has been expended. Much attention, however, has been paid to many matters about and within the houses; and, in respect to most of the buildings, the remark made for the past year will be true for the coming one. One or two of the buildings, however, will need the expenditure of more money than they required last year. The means of heating some of the rooms have been changed—coal stoves taking the place of those suitable for burning wood. The janitors have faithfully performed their duties, at rates considerably below those paid in previous years. The Committee have changed their method of exercising oversight over school property. Whereas it had been the custom to appoint one member for

each district, at the beginning of the current year a sub-committee was appointed to take charge of all the houses; and the result has been that many things which, under the old system, were overlooked, have received attention and correction.

Additional School Accommodations.

The crowded condition of the primary school on Franklin street compelled the Committee to procure another apartment, and establish during the summer months a branch school, which was put under the charge of Miss M. Clara Sweetser, and afterward of Miss M. A. Wiley. With the return of cold weather the number of scholars decreased, and the two schools were reunited, but being very large two teachers were still employed. It has now been several years since this school began to be overrun with pupils, and the evil has continued without abatement. Various methods of relief have presented themselves to the Committee. There is a question of locality connected with the matter. Many of the pupils come from that portion of the town lying west of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and the inquiry has been raised whether the interests of the people living there do not require a school building in their own neighborhood.

The reasons in favor of the plan are:

1. The crowded condition of the schools on Franklin street, and the primary schools in the Centre and the West Ward, making it necessary that additional accommodations should be provided somewhere.

2. The steadily increasing population of that portion of the town.

3. The distance of those families from the public school houses.

4. The danger to which the children are exposed in having to cross three railroad tracks, over which there are not less than fifty trains daily — a danger so great as to lead some families to keep their children at home.

The chief objection to the plan, and the only one that has suggested itself to the Committee, exists in the burden of expense it would impose.

With the desire of ascertaining all the facts in the case, a sub-committee was appointed last year to examine the whole subject, and report. That service was performed; and the committee would then have presented the report to the town, but for their disinclination to advise any farther expenditure of money for school accommodations. The subject, however, has again forced itself upon us, and another sub-committee has been instructed to re-examine it, and their report has been made. The committee desire to refer the whole matter to the town, and having done this their own responsibility will be discharged.

The facts obtained by both the committees above named are condensed, and stated below in brief form:

The whole number of dwelling houses included in the following limits—to wit.: Boston & Maine Railroad on the east, Broadway on the south, Town line on the west, and West Chestnut street on the north, is one hundred and five. These houses average two tenements in each, capable of holding, on an average, four people each — eight hundred and forty inhabitants,—representing one hundred and fifty scholars, one-fifth of whom are already provided for in the High and Grammar schools, leaving one hundred and twenty scholars. By actual count, the number of children between four and twelve in the section described is eighty-five.

The discrepancy in the two results is owing, doubtless, to the fact that some dwellings are vacant, as well as to the fact that all computations from the number of dwellings must be inexact. Yet in the prosperity all are looking for, the dwellings will doubtless be filled. Putting the number, however, at the lowest figure, it will not fall below seventy-five, and that seems quite too large a number to crowd into the different schools, or to send across railroad tracks. The attention of the town is invited to the subject.

Expenses.

Mindful of the expressed wish of the town, and fully perceiving its wisdom, it has been the aim of the Committee during the past year to keep expenditures at as low a point as was consistent with efficiency in the schools. In most respects we have been successful.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, and chiefly the sickness of Mrs. Grover, we were not able to manage the matter of the musical exhibition in such a way as to pay as much as we hoped towards the expense of the new singing books introduced into the schools.

On the whole, however, it was deemed no loss that some of the books should be made the property of the schools; and the benefit of them to the pupils has, probably, compensated for their cost to the town, or certainly will do so.

In one other respect the plans of retrenchment laid last year were not fully met. It was proposed to the Committee, before the last annual meeting, that the school year should be thirty-eight, instead of forty weeks in length. They assented to the proposal; but after thoroughly considering all the reasons for and against the plan, its wisdom seemed to be doubtful, and they returned to the former arrangement. It has been found possible, however, to dismiss besides the Music teacher, two assistant teachers, and one teacher in the Training School, and, without diminishing salaries, to bring expenses within the limits prescribed.

The Committee desire to call the attention of the town to the fact that the schools with two or three exceptions are large; and that only teachers that are above the average in point of ability can be safely intrusted with them. A few hundred dollars saved by such reduced appropriations as would result in the loss of four or five of our best teachers would be money thrown away. A little misplaced economy of this sort would turn the pride we may now justly feel in our schools into shame.

Inasmuch as a Committee has been appointed by the town in part to determine what amount of money will be needed for the schools the coming year, we forbear to make any recommendations.

CHARLES R. BLISS, *Chairman.*
HENRY D. SMITH, *Secretary.*
LUCIUS BEEBE.
CHAPLIN G. TYLER.
GEORGE W. ABORN.

NAMES OF TEACHERS, SALARY, AND DATE OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When elected.	Salaries.
High, ...	Melvin J. Hill, . . .	Mar., 1869,	$1750 per yr.
"	Eliza M. Greenwood, .	Jan., 1876,	600 " "
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, . .	Mar., 1871,	700 " "
Cent. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, . .	Sept., 1873,	13 per w.
" " " 2,	Ella M. Pinkham, . .	Mar., 1873,	13 " "
" " " 3,	Lilla Means, ...	Feb'y, 1874,	13 " "
C't. Interme'ate, 1.	Elenora Hutchinson,	Jan. 1858,	650 per yr,
" " 2,			
Cent. Primary, 1,	Francella Evans, . . .	April, 1862,	11.50 w.
" " 2,	C. Eveline Sweetser, .	Mar., 1856,	11.50 "
West Interme'ate,	Ella M. Dager, . . .	Sept., 1873,	11.50 "
West Primary, .	Sophie F. Hamblin, . .	Nov., 1868,	11.50 "
Franklin Inter'ate,	M. Annie Warren, . .	Dec., 1871,	11 50 "
" Primary,	Myra A. Stearns, . .	Sept., 1875,	9.00 "
	A. M. Wiley, . . .	Nov., 1875,	7.00 "
North, ...	Sara L. Thomas, . .	Sept., 1872,	11.50 "
East, ...	Ann R. Killorin, . . .	Sept., 1873,	10.00 "
"	Emma L. Upham, . .	Sept., 1874,	6.00 "
Greenwood, . .	Frances Hartshorne, . .	Sept., 1874,	10.00 "
Woodville, . .	Josie Mansfield, . . .	Sept., 1871,	10.00 "

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number under five years of age.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	60	58	99		46
Advanced Grammar,	44	40	92		16
Central Grammar, No. 1,	44	40	94		7
Central Grammar, No. 2,	49	47	94		2
Central Grammar, No. 3,	47	47	95		1
Training School, No. 1,	53	45	92		
Training School, No. 2,	61	50	90		
Central Primary, No. 1,	46	39	83		
Central Primary, No. 2,	49	47	87		
West Primary,	54	40	77		
West Intermediate,	35	28	80		
Franklin Street Primary,	61	46	90		
Franklin Street Intermediate,	51	44	92		
North Ward,	59	50	92		
East Ward,	64	41	79		1
Woodville,	43	33	69		
Greenwood,	45	35	84		
	865	730	87		73

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1875, 1013.

The School Expenses may be found in the Town Auditors' Report.

The School Calendar is not inserted because of the confusion that a possible change in the length of the school year would occasion. For the dates of the beginning of the terms the *Citizen & Banner* may be consulted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Twenty years ago a number of gentlemen of liberal culture, and actuated by true public spirit, caused to be inserted in the town warrant an article for an appropriation for the establishment and maintenance of a Public Library in South Reading, and at the annual meeting advocated the measure with strong argument and convincing eloquence; and five hundred dollars were granted by the Town for the beneficent purpose. About the same time the resources of the new Library were largely increased by generous donations of books and money from individuals and organizations.

Our *argosy* thus fairly launched, entered at once upon a voyage of usefulness and glory, and richly freighted with the additions of successive years, not only flaunted its flag of Freedom and Intelligence on the breezes of general prosperity, but through billows of bankruptcy, the squalls of panics, and the unwholesome calms of business stagnation, its worth amid prevailing fear and disaster becoming even more conspicuous, with ensign "still full high advanced," has unloaded its precious stores of knowledge and entertainment to a hungry and appreciative population.

May our good Ship of Books, wafted by soft zephyrs, or blown by prosperous gales, still sail on and on through seas of popular favor, until in the world's Millenium it shall furl its sails by an Elysian shore, "whose waters are amber and whose sands are gold."

Twenty years is not a long period of time, but it has proved long enough to bring a generation of shouting schoolboys forward into the front ranks of "men the workers,"—long enough to increase the number of books in our Library six-fold,—long enough to cover from sight, though not from memory, the form of many a good and trusted friend of the Beebe Town Library. The survivors of that earlier company,

who in eighteen hundred and fifty-six stood sponsors for the infant institution, with no lack of ready recruits from another generation, must close up the ranks and occupy, though they may not fill, the vacant places, until the summons comes to *follow*.

No events of special significance affecting the Public Library, have occurred during the past year, but it has continued to be a centre of good influences, radiating to every part of the town.

The sage remark of old *Polonius*, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be," is not highly esteemed among the friends and patrons of the Library. We prefer the remark of *Burke*, "He that borrows the aid of an equal understanding, doubles his own; he that uses that of a superior, elevates his own to the stature of that he contemplates."

To *borrow* still further, "Books are the true levellers. They give to all who will faithfully use them the society, the spiritual presence, of the best and greatest of our race. No matter how poor I am, no matter though the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling, if the Sacred Writers will enter and take up their abode under my roof, if Milton will cross my threshold to sing to me of Paradise, and Shakespeare to open to me the worlds of imagination, and the workings of the human heart, and Franklin to enrich me with his practical wisdom, I shall not pine for want of intellectual companionship, and I may become a cultivated man, though excluded from what is called the best society in the place where I live."

We quote once more, and this time it shall be from the English *Fox:* "Nothing is more delightful than to lie under a tree, in the summer, with a book, except to lie under a tree, in the summer, without a book."

A brilliant writer has lately printed a volume and devoted one chapter to the "Abuse of Reading," wherein is much wisdom, and given up another chapter to abusing Town Libraries, intimating that their shelves contain a small proportion of valuable and useful books, and that the youth of towns, to a large extent, weaken and debase their minds by exclusive reading of such books as "Mrs. Fanny Firefly's

highly seasoned love stories for girls, and Mr. Samuel Sensation's boy-novels, and spiced preparations of boned history, which are got up, like the port-wine drops of the confectioners, to tempt and to sell."

In behalf of *our* Library, and in behalf of *our* people, we resent and repel an insinuation so unfounded. While freely admitting the great popularity of the *story-tellers*, and regretting that our taste is not *more* cultivated and refined, we are sure our purchasers and borrowers have exercised a much better and wiser discrimination than the author above quoted would have his readers believe.

The Trustees recommend that two hundred dollars, in addition to the dog-taxes, be appropriated for the maintenance of the Library the ensuing year.

"And here, to-day, the dead look down,
The kings of mind again we crown;
We hear the sage's word: we trace
The foot-prints of our human race.

Here Greek and Roman find themselves
Alive along these crowded shelves;
And Shakespeare treads again his stage,
And Chaucer paints anew his age.

As if some Pantheon's marbles broke
Their stony trance, and lived and spoke,
Life thrills around the alcoved hall,
The lords of thought await our call."

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*
HARRIET N. FLINT.
ELIZA A. WAKEFIELD.
EDWARD MANSFIELD.
THOMAS WINSHIP.
FRANCIS P. HURD.
GEORGE A. HARDY.
HENRY D. SMITH.
SOLON O. RICHARDSON.
AZEL AMES, Jr.
JOHN M. CATE.
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary.*
C. W. EATON, *Treasurer.*

Wakefield, March 11, 1876. *Trustees.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

CR.

By Balance from last year, . . .	$71 64	
Town appropriation, . . .	200 00	
Dog Taxes, refunded Town by County,	383 04	
Interest on Flint Fund, . . .	70 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund, . . .	23 20	
Sale of Catalogues and fines received,	37 25	
Sale of old papers, ...	2 58	
Cash for book lost, ...	1 50	
Cash from Spelling Match, . .	29 70	
		$818 91

DR.

To cash paid for new books, . . .	$416 94	
V. E. Marsh, Librarian, .	275 00	
for repairs of books, . .	81 70	
ice urn, tray and ice, .	9 25	
covering paper, . .	6 38	
bulletin board and other furniture, . .	4 75	
express charges, . .	4 75	
labels, . . .	1 25	
sundries at Library, .	5 98	
Balance on hand, ...	12 91	
		$818 91

C. W. EATON, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,	5,414
Added by purchase within the year,	390
Added by donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,	52
State of Massachusetts,	7
Hon. D. W. Gooch,	18
John Eaton, Jr., Washington,	1
Hyde Park Public Library,	1
Miss Sarah Bancroft,	1
Dr. Alexander Poole,	1
Dr. Azel Ames, Jr.,	1
Persons having signed the By-laws 1875-6,	77
No. of Accts. on which books have been charged,	717
books re-bound,	71
discarded as worn-out,	35
Whole number of books delivered,	27,870
Decrease since last year,	1,761
Greatest number to one account,	283
Average number delivered each day,	230
Average number delivered each hour,	46

VICTORINE E. MARSH, *Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SINCE LAST REPORT.

A.

4555	A Boy's Kingdom, or Four Years in a Cave.	
4795	Abandoned,	Jules Verne.
4675	A Domestic Problem,	Mrs. A. M. Diaz.
4617	A Double Story,	George Macdonald.
4839	A Farmer's Vacation,	George E. Waring.
4488	Africa, Explorations and Adventures,	C. H. Jones.
4546	A Floating City, or the Blockade Runners,	Jules Verne.
4671	Afraja, or Love and Life in Norway,	German of Mugge.
4740	A Garden of Women,	Sarah Tytler.
4612	A Group of Poets and their Haunts,	James A. Harrison.
4821	A Hero of the Pen,	German of Werner.
4574	Alice Neville and Riverdale,	C. E. Bowen.
4602	Alicia Warlock,	Wilkie Collins.
4652	Alice Brand,	A. G. Riddle.
4666	Alice Lorraine,	R. D. Blackmore.
4643	American Evangelists, Moody and Sankey.	
4794	American in Iceland, The	Samuel Kneeland.
4575	Amongst the Maoris,	Emelia Marryat.
4682	A Mad Marriage,	May Agnes Fleming.
4772	Among the Tartar Tents,	Annie Bowman.
4576	Anecdote Biographies, Moore and Jerden,	R. H. Stoddard.
4650	An Idyl of Work,	Lucy Larcom.
4694	A Nine Day's Wonder,	Hamilton Aide.
4474	Annette,	Charlotte Walsingham.
4560	Annals of Curious and Romantic Lives.	
4519	Annis Warleigh's Fortunes,	Holme Lee.
4664	A Norseman's Pilgrimage,	H. H. Boyesen.
4506	Antony Brade,	Robert Lowell.
4891	A Marriage in High Life,	Octave Feuillet.
4911	Among my Books. Second Series.	J. R. Lowell.
4475	A Passimate Pilgrim,	Henry James, Jr.
4642	A Pastor's Recollections,	Rev. T. G. Dashiell.
4875	A Paying Investment,	Anna Dickinson.
4584	A Perfect Adonis,	Mrs. Sidney Harris.
4799	A Plea for Mercy to Animals,	Dr. Macauley.
4785	A Quaker among the Indians,	Thomas C. Batley.
4670	A Question of Honor,	Christian Reid.
4481	A Rambling Story,	Mary Cowden Clarke.
4547	A Ramble Round the World,	Baron de Hubner.

4524 A Rose in June, Mrs. Oliphant.
4808 Art in Italy, H. Taine.
4834 Asbury Twins, The Sophie May.
4511 A Simple Story, Mrs. Inchbald.
4527 A Strange World, Miss M. E. Bradden.
4897 A Story Book for Children, Mrs. A. M. Diaz.
4072 A Summer Parish, Sabbath Discourses of H. W. Beecher.
4894 A Summer in Europe, Mary H. Wills.
4661 At Capri, Clara Bauer.
4467 At the Sign of the Silver Flagon, B. L. Farjeon.
4565 Autobiography of a Man of War's Bell, Lieut. C. R. Low.
4783 Autobiography of a Mrs. Fletcher.
4513 Avillion and Other Tales, Mrs. Craik.
4609 A Winter in Mexico, Gilbert Haven.
4700 A Woman's Ransom, F. W. Robinson.
4723 A Woman in Armor, Mary Hartwell.

B.

4698 Barbarossa and Other Tales, German of Heyse.
4618 Battle of Bunker Hill, George E. Ellis.
4705 Battle of Gettysburg, 2 copies. Samuel P. Bates.
4744 Best Authors in Prose and Poetry, H. T. Coates.
4856 Betty's Bright Idea, H. B. Stowe.
4863 Bessie's Trials at Boarding School, Nora Perry.
4495 Berber, The, A Tale of Morocco, W. S. Mayo.
4497 Bible Thoughts and Themes, Horatio Bonar.
4787 Big Brother, The George C. Eggleston.
4717 Border Lands of Insanity, Andrew Wynter.
4514 Bread, Cheese and Kisses, B. L. Farjeon.
4631 Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea, Mrs. Terhune.
4731 Brentford Parsonage.
4770 Bread and Oranges, Miss Warner.
4750 Brigadier Frederick, Erckman Chatrien.
4553 Books of Bridlemere, G. J. Whyte Melville.
4818 Brought Home, Hesba Stretton.
4751 Buffets, Charles H. Doe.
4922 Buffon's Natural History. 4 Vols.

C.

4703 Calderwood Secret, The Virginia W. Johnson.
4858 Cambridge of 1776, The
4861 Camp-Life in Florida, Charles Hallock.
4746 Cartoons, Margaret Preston.
4720 Castle Daly, Annie Keary.
4549 Castle Nowhere, C. F. Woolson.
4830 Casella, Martha Farquharson.
4545 Catalogue of the Hyde Park Public Library.
4589 Chaste as Ice and Pure as Snow, Mrs. M. C. Despard.

4594	Charley Laurel,	W. H. G. Kingston.
4724	Charette.	
4623	Chevalier de la Salle,	John S. C. Abbott.
4902	Chips from a German Workshop, Vol. 4th,	Max Muller.
4654	Christian Belief and Life,	A. P. Peabody.
4674	Christian Missions,	Rev. J. H. Seelye.
4836	Cleverly,	Mary R. Hingham.
4697	Cookery from Experience,	Sara T. Paul.
4735	Common-Sense Management of the Stomach,	Geo. O. Drewry.
4632	Conquering and to Conquer,	Mrs. Charles.
4681	Constantinople,	Theophile Gautier.
4733	Carlyng Castle,	Agnes Giberne.
4845	Courting and Farming,	Julie P. Smith.
4775	Cavaliers and Roundheads,	John G. Edgar.

D.

4756	Daily Thoughts,	T. De Witt Talmage.
4898	Dear Lady Disdain,	Justin McCarthy.
4516	Denis Duval,	W. M. Thackeray.
4476	Descent and Darwinism,	Oscar Schmidt.
4499	Dialogues and Dramas,	Lewis B. Munroe.
4822	Discoveries and Inventions of the 19th Century,	Rob't Rutledge.
4577	Dorcas Club, The	Oliver Optic.
4857	Drifted Asunder,	Amanda M. Douglass.
4563	Drusie's Own Story,	Agnes Giberne.

E.

4655	Early Kings of Norway,	Thomas Carlyle.
4543	Eighth Volume of Little Classics,	R. Johnson.
4738	Eight Cousins,	Louisa M. Alcott.
4571	Eleanor's Visit,	Joanna H. Matthews.
4876	Elijah, the Prophet,	Rev. W. M. Taylor.
4767	Elsie's Santa Claus,	Joanna H. Matthews.
4728	Elsie's Womanhood,	Martha Farquharson.
4586	English Portraits,	C. A. Sainte Beuve.
4599	English Statesmen,	T. W. Higginson.
4837	English Radical Leaders,	R. J. Hinton.
4725	Epworth Singers, The	S. W. Christophers.
4792	Evangelists in the Church,	P. C. Headley.
4777	Every Day Facts for Every Day Life.	
4860	Every Day Religion,	T. De Witt Talmage.

F.

4551	Fair Puritan, The	Henry W. Herbert.
4829	Familiar Letters of John Adams and his Wife,	C. F. Adams.
4820	Farm Legends,	Will Carleton.
4508	Fast Friends,	J. T. Trowbridge.
4653	Fated to be Free,	Jean Ingelow.
4680	File, No. 113,	Emile Gaboriau.

4614 Flag of Truce, The — Miss Warner.
4831 Florida, Its Scenery, Climate and History, — Sidney Lanier.
4708 Four Thousand Miles of African Travel, — A. S. Southworth.
4719 Four Years in Ashantee.
4562 For the King's Dues, — Agnes Macdonnell.
4509 Frank before Vicksburg, — Harry Castleman.
4657 French at Home, The — Albert Rhodes.
4771 Fred and Jennie, — Jennie M. Drinkwater.
4886 French Political Leaders, — Edward King.
4712 From Jest to Earnest, — Rev. E. P. Roe.

G.

4798 Gardening for Pleasure, — Peter Henderson.
4825 German Element in the War for American Independence, — G. W. Greene.
4864 Geological Sketches, — Louis Agassiz.
4732 Gilbert's Shadow, — Hon. Mrs. Greene.
4558 Go-a-head, — Agnes Macdonnell.
4838 Going West, — Oliver Optic.
4743 Golden Tress, The — from the French of Boisgobey.
4579 Good Luck, — Paul Cobden.
4789 Good Hour, The — Berthold Auerbach.
4905 Graham and I, — A. H. K.
4865 Graziella; a Story of Italian Love, — French of Lamartine.
4491 Great South, The — Edward King.
4629 Green Gate, The — Ernst Wichert.
4917 Guizot's Popular History of France, 1st and 2d vols.

H.

4494 Half Hours with French Authors.
4468 Hagarene, — G. A. Lawrence.
4019 Harper's Magazine, — Duplicate Vols., 5 to 12.
4581 Harry Blount, — P. G. Hamerton.
4884 Haunted Rooms, — A. L. O. E.
4530 Hearts and Hands, — Christian Reid.
4749 Healey. A Romance.
4645 Heredity, — French of Ribot.
4768 Herbert Carter's Legacy, — Horatio Alger.
4899 Her Dearest Foe, — Mrs. Alexander.
4774 Heroes of the Arctic, — Fred'k Whymper.
4564 Heroes of the Desert, — Miss Manning.
4852 Heroic Life.
4832 Higgledy Piggledy, — E. H. Knachtbull Heogessen.
4534 History of Switzerland, — Heinrich Zschokke.
4791 History of My Friends, — Emile Achard.
4819 History of the Civil War in America, — Comte de Paris.
4882 History of the United States of America, — J. A. Doyle.

4908 History of Civilization in England. 2d volume. H. T. Buckle.
4699 Hoosier Mosaics, Maurice Thompson.
4483 Honest John Vane, J. W. de Forest.
4561 Home Recreations, William F. Gill.
4692 Homes of the London Poor, Miss Octavia Hill.
4747 Home Pastorals, Bayard Taylor.
4879 Home Life, John F. W. Ware.
4528 Hope Meredith, Eliza Tabor.
4859 Household Elegancies, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Williams.
4485 How to Write Clearly, Rev. E. A. Abbott.
4544 How I Managed my Husband, George Roy.
4598 How to Make a Living, Geerge Carey Eggleston.
4713 How to Live Long, W. W. Hall.
4841 Hugh Melton, Katharine King.

I.

4843 Idolatry, Julian Hawthorne.
4651 Illustrated Homes, F. C. Gardner.
4540 Indian Question, The Francis A. Walker.
4854 In Doors and Out, Oliver Optic.
4803 Infelice, Augusta Evans Wilson.
4477 In the Camargue, Emily Bowles.
4597 Invasion of the Crimea, Vols. 1, 2, 3, A. W. Kinglake.
4721 Impressions of London Social Life, E. S. Nadel.
4624 Improvements of Health, James Knight, M. D.
4593 Italians, The Frances Elliot.
4679 Isuelte.

J.

4730 Jack's Ward, Horatio Alger.
4521 Jeanie's Quiet Life, Eliza Tabor.
4691 Jean, a Novel, Mrs. Newman.
4641 Jettatrice, or the Veil Withdrawn, Madame A. Craven.
4501 Jessamine, Mrs. Terhune.
4663 John Dorrien, Julia Kavanagh.
4782 John Todd, the Story of His Life, Told by Himself.
4765 Jolly Good Times, P. Thorne.
4885 Jonathan, C. C. Frazer-Tytler.

K.

4552 Katerfelto, a Tale of Ex-Moor, G. J. Whyte Melville.
4496 Keel and Saddle, Joseph W. Revere.
4711 Kingsbury Sketches, John H. Kingsbury.

L.

4706 Lacy Diamonds, The
4601 Lady Anna, Anthony Trollope.
4690 Lady Superior, The Eliza F. Pollard.
4569 Land of the Pig-tail, from a Boy's Point of View, Benj. Clarke.
4696 Last Letters from Egypt, Lady Duff. Gordon.

4630	Lectures on Revivals,	Rev. Edward N. Kirk.
4862	Lectures in America,	Rev. Charles Kingsley.
4904	Legends and Memories of Scotland,	Cora Kennedy Aitken.
4912	Letters and Social Aims,	R. W. Emerson.
4793	Library Notes,	Earl Russell.
4465	Life of S. F. B. Morse,	S. I. Prime.
4471	" of Ezra Stiles Gannett,	William C. Gannett.
4490	" of Napoleon 1st,	P. Lanfrey. 2 Vols.
4523	" on the Plains,	Gen. G. A. Custar, U. S. A.
4525	" and Works of Pestatozzi,	Herman Krusi.
4532	" of Salmon P. Chase,	J. W. Shuckers.
4715	" of Christopher Columbus,	J. S. C. Abbott.
4805	" on the Deep,	A Memorial of Charles March.
4866	" of Sir Henry Havelock, K. C. B.,	Rev. Wm. Brock.
4867	" of Jonathan Swift, 1st Vol.	John Foster.
4901	" Letters and Journals of George Ticknor. 2 Vols.	
4753	Lincoln, Stanton and Grant,	Maj. Evan R. Jones.
4827	Literature of Kissing, The	C. C. Bombaugh.
4763	Little Street Sweeper,	Rev. S. B. Halliday.
4544	Little Classics, 9th Vol.,	R. Johnson.
4590	Little Classics, 10th Vol.,	R. Johnson.
4591	Little Classics, 11th Vol.,	R. Johnson.
4619	Little Classics, 12th Vol.,	R. Johnson.
4676	Little Classics, 14th Vol.,	R. Johnson.
4816	Little Classics, 16th Vol.,	R. Johnson.
4538	Longevity,	John Gardner, M. D.
4851	Lord Byron, and Other Sketches,	Emilio Castelar.
4517	Lovel, the Widower,	W. M. Thackeray.
4606	Love Afloat,	F. H. Sheppard.

M.

4607	Macready's Reminiscences,	Sir Fred'k Pollok.
4758	Madame Recamier and her Friends,	French of Madame Lenormant.
4849	MacMadden,	Mary Murdock Mason.
4587	Mohammed and Mohammedanism,	R. Bosworth Smith.
4529	Maid of Killeena and Other Tales,	Wm. Black.
4466	Malacca, Indo-China and China,	J. Thomson.
4662	Manfred,	From the Italian of Guerrazzi.
4759	Marguerite's Journal,	Augusta Evans Wilson.
4502	Marjorie Daw and Other People,	T. B. Aldrich.
4533	Maria Monk's Daughter,	Mrs. L. St. John Eckel.
4704	Marriage of Moira Fergus,	William Black.
4748	Masque of Pandora,	H. W. Longfellow.
4518	Medora Leigh,	Edited by Chas. Mackay.
4784	Melinda, the Caboceer,	J. A. Skertchly.
4487	Memoirs of John Quincy Adams,	4 Vols. C. F. Adams.
4659	" " Gen. Wm. T. Sherman,	2 Vols. by Himself.

4780	Memories, a Story of German Love.	
4804	Memoirs of Celebrated Women,	G. P. R. James.
4847	Memorial of Chas. Stoddard,	by His Daughter.
4868	" Chas. G. Finney,	by Himself.
4897	Memoirs of Dr. Eliphalet Nott,	C. Van Santvoord.
4914	Mental Philosophy,	William B. Carpenter.
4766	Mice at Play,	Neil Forest.
4873	Micheline,	Madame Eugene Bersier.
4611	Mills of the Gods, The	Mrs. J. H. Twells.
4802	Miller of Silcott Mills, The	Mrs. Darrington Beslende.
4628	Miriam Montfort,	Mrs. C. A. Warfield.
4486	Mistress Judith,	C. C. Frazer-Tytler.
4702	Miss Angel,	Miss Thackeray.
4504	Mischief's Thanksgiving,	Susan Coolidge.
4736	Modern Don Quixote, The	Alphonse Daudet.
4482	Morality of Prohibitory Liquor Laws,	W. B. Weeden.
4603	Mr. Vaughan's Heir,	Frank Lee Benedict.
4625	Mr. Smith.	
4639	Mr. and Mrs. Falconbridge,	Hamilton Aide.
4880	Mrs. Limber's Raffle.	
4883	Mrs. Hitchcock's Wedding Dress.	
	Musical Composers and their Works,	Sarah Tytler.
4595	My Danish Days,	G. W. Griffin.
4687	" Heroine.	
4779	Mysterious Island, The	Jules Verne.
4869	My Young Alcides,	Miss Yonge.

N.

4537	Nathaniel Vaughan,	Frederick Macdonald.
4764	Nine Little Goslings,	Susan Coolidge.
4722	Norine's Revenge,	May Agnes Fleming.
4918	Norman Conquest, The. 4 Vols.	E. A. Freeman.
4604	Notes on Paris,	H. Taine.
4797	Note Book of the Bertram Family,	Mrs. Charles.
4910	Notes on the Parables,	Richard Chevenix French.

O.

4548	Oakridge, an Old-time Story,	J. Emerson Smith.
4635	Ocean-Born,	Oliver Optic.
4762	Odd One, The	A. W. Mitchell Payne.
4677	Odd Trump, The	
4895	O'er Moor and Fen,	Charlotte Walsingham.
4469	Old Myddleton's Money,	Mary Cecil Hay.
4484	" House on Briar Hill, The	Isabella G. Meredith.
4776	" Showman and Old London Fairs,	Thomas Frost.
4915	" Dramatists, The	8 Vols.
4916	" Poets, The	2 Vols.
4892	On Dangerous Ground.	

4656 One Summer, Blanche Howard.
4505 Only Girls, Virginia Townsend.
4470 Other People's Money, Emile Gaborian.
4658 Our Detachment, Katherine King.
4855 Our Place Among Infinities, R. A. Proctor.
4878 Over the River, Rev. T. B. Thayer.
4801 Owen Gwynn's Great Work, Lady Augusta Noel.

P.

4638 Paul Massie, Justin McCarthy.
4588 Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear, Katherine S. Washburn.
4622 Personal Reminiscences of Cornelia Knight and Thomas Raikes.
4622 " Recollections of the Wreck of the Ville du Havre, N. Weiss.
4685 Personal Reminiscences of O'Keefe, Kelly and Taylor.
4734 " " " Lamb, Hazlitt and Others.
4909 Physiology and Pathology of the Mind, Henry Maudsley.
4613 Piano and Song, Freidrich Wieck.
4669 Platonic Love, G. S. Crosby.
4823 Poets and Novelists, George Barnett Smith.
4812 Poetic Studies, E. S. Phelps.
3942 Popular Science Monthly, Vols. 3, 4, 5, 6.
4778 Preston Fight, William Harrison Ainsworth.
4814 Pretty Miss Bellew, Theo. Gift.
4752 Proceedings of the Lexington Centennial.
4903 Protection of Majorities, Josiah P. Quincy.
4648 Prohibition a Failure, Dio Lewis.

Q.

4649 Queen Mary, Alfred Tennyson.
4842 Queen of Connaught, The.

R.

4626 Ralph Wilton's Weird, Mrs. Alexander.
4800 Ralph and Bruno, M. Bramston.
4811 Rapids of Niagara, Miss Warner.
4566 Recollections and Letters of Mendelssohn, Edward Devrient.
4472 Recollections and Suggestions. 1813–1873. Earl Russell.
4906 Religion and Materialism, James Martineau, LL.D.
4921 Remains of Lost Empires, The P. V. N. Myers.
4813 Reminiscences of Constable and Gillies.
4844 Reminiscences of Sumter and Moultrie, Abner Doubleday.
4550 Rich Medway's Two Loves, Celia E. Gardner.
4773 Rivers of Ice, R. M. Ballantyne.
4826 Roderick Hudson, H. James, Jr.
4788 Romance of Missions, M. A. West.
4889 Romances and Realities, Mrs. Amelia E. Barr.
4660 Rome. Finely illustrated, Francis Wey.
4781 Running the Blockade, W. H. Thomas.
4893 Round my House, P. G. Hamerton.

S.

4877	Sabbath Evenings at Home,	Rev. H. C. Adams.
4848	Sabbath of the Fields,	Rev. Hugh Macmillan.
4479	Sanitary Arrangements for Dwellings,	Wm. Eassie.
4828	Saved from the Sea,	W. H. G. Kingston.
4824	Saxon Studies,	Julian Hawthorne.
4541	Sceptres and Crowns,	Miss Warner.
4806	Schoolmaster's Trunk, The	Mrs. A. M. Diaz.
4600	Secrets of the Convent and Confessional,	Mrs. Julia McN. Wright.
4850	Secret of the Island, The	Jules Verne.
4572	Self-Taught Men,	Biographies for the Young.
4489	Senses and the Intellect,	Alexander Baen.
4846	Sermons to the Clergy,	Gail Hamilton.
4716	Sermons out of Church,	Mrs. Craik.
4583	Sermons and Songs of the Christian Life,	Rev. E. H. Sears.
4739	Seven Oaks,	J. G. Holland.
4761	Seven to Seventeen,	Veronica Gordon.
4539	Sex in Industry,	Azel Ames, Jr.
4881	Shakespeare and the Bible,	James Rees.
4627	She Spake of Him,	Mrs. Grattan Guinness.
4754	Sherman's Historical Raid,	H. V. Boynton.
4667	Shiftless Folks,	Julie P. Smith.
4729	Ship in the Desert, The	Joaquin Miller.
4689	Silent Witness,	Edmund Yates.
4840	Sketches, New and Old,	Mark Twain.
4760	Six to Sixteen,	Juliana Horatia Ewing.
4833	Songs of Three Centuries,	Edited by J. G. Whittier.
4520	So Runs the World Away,	Mrs. A. C. Steele.
4786	Southwestern Africa,	C. J. Anderson.
4718	South Sea Whaler,	W. H. G. Kingston.
4596	Spain and the Spaniards,	N. L. Thieblen.
4684	Sparkles from Saratoga,	Sophie Sparkle.
4480	Sports that Kill,	T. De Witt Talmage.
4796	St. George and St. Michael,	George Macdonald.
4512	Stone Edge. A Tale.	
4515	St. Olaves,	Eliza Tabor.
4557	Stories of the Conquests of Mexico and Peru,	Wm. Dalton.
4665	Story of Valentine and His Brother,	Mrs. Oliphant.
4726	Stories of Bird Life,	Henry Berthoud.
4701	St. Simon's Niece,	Frank Lee Benedict.
4503	Sybil's Book,	Lady Barker.
4853	Story of the Hymns,	Hezekiah Butterworth.

T.

4757	Tales of the Argonauts, etc.,	Bret Harte.
4780	Tales Out of School,	Frank R. Stockton.

4570 Take a Peep, Paul Cobden.
4710 The Abode of Snow, Andrew Wilson.
4644 The Better Self, J. H. Friswell.
4741 Theodora, a Home Story, Phebe T. McKeen.
4556 The Monsters of the Deep.
4554 " Romance of an Honest Woman, Victor Cherbuliez.
4913 " Reign of Law, Duke of Argyll.
4755 Thirty Years in the Turkish Empire.
4638 Three Feathers, William Black.
4887 Through and Through the Tropics, Frank Vincent.
4872 Thrift, Samuel Smiles.
4871 Throstlethwaite, Susan Morley.
4790 Toward the Straight Gate, E. F. Burr.
4605 Transatlantic Sketches, H. James, Jr.
4737 Travesty. Treasure Trove Series. Vol. 2.
4874 True Order of Studies, Thomas Hill.
4615 Two by Tricks, Edmund Yates.
4478 Ten Years with Spiritual Mediums, F. G. Fairfield.
4473 The Law and the Lady, Wilkie Collins.
4498 " Perfect Life, William Ellery Channing.
4503 " Percys, Mrs. Prentiss.
4510 " Bush-Rangers, or Adventures in Australia.

U.

4535 Under the Southern Cross.
4714 " " Storks' Nest, German of Katsch.
4637 Unseen Universe, The.
4890 " World and Other Essays, John Fiske.
4610 Urbane and His Friends, Mrs. Prentiss.

V.

4621 Victor La Tourette, by a Broad Churchman.
4745 Victorian Poets, C. E. Stedman.
4900 Victor and Vanquished, Mary Cecil Hay.
4695 Volume 1st of Satchel Series.
4709 Volume 2d of Satchel Series.

W.

4907 Wagner's Chemical Technology.
4531 Washington Outside and Inside, G. A. Townsend.
4688 Way We Live Now, The Anthony Trollope.
4693 Ward or Wife.
4640 Walter's Word, James Payne.
4536 We and Our Neighbors, 2 copies, H. B. Stowe.
4817 West India Pickles, W. P. Tallboys.
4568 What Might Have Been Expected, Frank R. Stockton.
4668 What we saw in Australia, Rosamund and Florence Hill.
4567 White Rose of Langley, Emily Sarah Holt.

4592	Whip and Spur,	George E. Waring.
4888	White Conquest,	Hepworth Dixon.
4686	White Ladies,	Mrs. Oliphant.
4742	Wild Hyacinth,	Mrs. Randolph.
4559	With a Stout Heart,	Mrs. Sale Barker.
4678	Within an Ace,	Mrs. C. Jenkin.
4727	Wonders of the Physical World.	
4647	Wolf-Run,	Elijah Kellogg.
4636	Woods and Seasons of New England,	Wilson Flagg.
4919	Works of Samuel Johnson, 2 Vols.	
4616	Wreck of the Chancellor,	Jules Verne.
4646	Wyncote,	Mrs. T. Erskine.
4835	Winter Sunshine,	John Burroughs.
4492	Wilson's Tales of the Borders of Scotland, 12 Vols.	
4507	William Henry and His Friends,	Mrs. A. M. Diaz.

Y.

4578	Yacht Club, The	Oliver Optic.
4809	Years that are Told,	Rose Porter.
4580	Young Outlaws,	Paul Cobden.
4769	Young Surveyor,	J. T. Trowbridge.
4920	Young's Night Thoughts.	

PEABODY TOWN LIBRARY
1856
WAKEFIELD

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION.

The Auditors in fulfillment of their duties, herewith present to the Town the reports of the various Town Officers, and would certify that they have examined the accounts of such officers as have had charge of expenditures or collections of moneys, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

(Signed)

T. J. SKINNER,
FREEMAN EMMONS,
E. E. EMERSON,
} *Auditors.*

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriations, List of,	6
Appropriation Committee's Report,	58
Assessors' Report,	53
Auditors' Certificate of Examination,	109
Auditors' Report,	6
Barnes' Case vs. Town,	18
Births,	73
By-Laws,	60
Census,	66
Collectors' Statements,	38
County Tax (in Treasurer's Report),	41
Deaths,	76
Engineers' Report,	54
Fire Department Expenses,	12
Highways and Bridges,	22
Jurors' List,	5
Library Finances,	17 and 96
Loan Account,	41
Marriages,	68
Miscellaneous Expenses,	18
New Books in Library,	98
Overseers of Poor Report,	32
Police Report,	57
Reservoirs,	15
Salaries of Town Officers,	15
School Committee's Report,	81
School Expenses,	7
School Contingent,	9
Selectmen's Report,	44
State Aid,	43
State Tax (in Treasurer's Report),	41
Street Lamps,	17
Support of Poor,	11 and 32
Tax Deeds, List of,	66
Town Clerk's Report,	67 and 79
Town Debt,	42
Town Officers,	3
Treasurer's Report,	40
Trustees of Library Report,	93

THE SIXTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

AUDITORS, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, FIRE ENGINEERS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

DURING THE YEAR 1876.

WAKEFIELD:
W. H. TWOMBLY, PRINTER, WAKEFIELD'S BLOCK.
1877.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1876-7.

Selectmen.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman*,
R. L. MURKLAND, *Secretary*, B. B. BURBANK.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Town Treasurer.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

Assessors.

JAMES OLIVER, DAVID PERKINS, DAVID BATCHELDER.

Overseers of the Poor.

CYRUS N. WHITE, B. W. OLIVER, IRA WILEY, Jr.

School Committee.

CHARLES R. BLISS, *Chairman*, . . .	Term Expires	1879.
S. K. HAMILTON, *Secretary and Treasurer*, .	" "	1879.
GEORGE W. ABORN, ...	" "	1878.
HENRY D. SMITH,*	" "	1878.
LUCIUS BEEBE, ...	" "	1877.
CHAPLIN G. TYLER,†	" "	1877.
CHARLES KEYSER, ...	" "	1877.
THEODORE E. BALCH, ...	" "	1877.

* Died April 15, 1876. Charles Keyser chosen to fill vacancy.
† Resigned. T. E. Balch chosen to fill vacancy.

Auditors.

T. J. SKINNER, W, S. GREENOUGH, E. E. EMERSON.

Collector of Taxes.

RICHARD BRITTON.

Fence Viewers.

DAVID PERKINS, R. L. MURKLAND, RICHARD BRITTON.

Trustees of the Beebe Public Library.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*,
CHESTER W. EATON, *Treasurer*,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
EDWARD MANSFIELD,
THEODORE E. BALCH, *Secretary*,
ELIZA A. WAKEFIELD,
HARRIET N. FLINT,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
F. P. HURD,
GEORGE L. KILGORE.
JOHN M. CATE,
AZEL AMES, Jr.,
HENRY D. SMITH.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

JOHN H. PERKINS,	Centre District.
E. GOWING,	North "
L. B. EATON,	South "
C. H. DERBY,	East "
CYRUS KIMBALL,	West "
JOSHUA PERHAM,	Woodville "

BOARD OF HEALTH,

S. O. RICHARDSON, JOHN R. MANSFIELD, J. P. TUCKER.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. H. WALTON, *Chief*, C. N. WHITE, *Secretary*,
H. L. DAY.

CONSTABLES.

DANIEL CAREY, C. H. DAVIS, O. WALTON, 2d.

POLICE OFFICERS.

DANIEL CAREY, *Chief*, MOSES STAPLES, H. D. HOYT,
THOMAS GOULD, THOMAS BARBER. R. L. COOPER,
F. G. COKER, JOSEPH TUTTLE, JOHN DRUGAN,
ISAAC F. SHELDON, WM. G. SKINNER, 2nd.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND MERCHANDISE.

GEORGE W. ABORN, GEORGE M. HALL, A. A. MANSFIELD.

POUND KEEPER.

JOHN B. ATWELL.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

RICHARD BRITTON, JOSHUA WALTON, A. J. HUTCHINSON,
A. A. MANSFIELD, HENRY CLAY, B. F. ABBOTT,
JOSEPH TUTTLE, M. C. EVANS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

HENRY CLAY, GEORGE H. TEAGUE, H. D. HOYT,
H. M. RIDEOUT, HENRY L. HASKELL, B. F. ABBOTT.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

WM. G. SKINNER, DANIEL CAREY.

FIELD DRIVERS.

THOMAS HICKS, JOSHUA PERHAM, W. H. GOULD,
ISAAC E. GREEN.

List of Jurors

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 7, 1876.

Abbott, Benj. F.
Abbott, George
Atwell, John
Britton, Richard
Bickford, Chas. F.
Batchelder, David
Burbank, B. B.
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Balch, T. E.
Burgess, E. B.
Bridger, Wm. J.
Cooper, R. L.
Carey, Daniel
Currier, H. P.
Day, Hosea L.
Eaton, Levi B.
Emmons, Dimon T.
Gilman, Geo. K.
Green, Thomas
Gove, M. W.
Hogan, John
Haskell, Henry L.
Hartshorne, Chas. F.
Hartshorne, Wm. H.
Kendrick, Rufus
Killoran, James
Mason, David P.
Mansfield, J. J.
Moran, John
McMahan, Thomas
Nichols, Hero W.
Niles, Chas. E.
Newman, J. H.
Oliver, James
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Perkins, David
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Perkins, Wm. K.
Pitman, L. J.
Putney, S. J.
Parker, Sam'l, Jr.
Pratt, B. C.
Reed, Washington
Sheldon, I. F.
Skinner, Wm. G.
Sweetser, Jewett B.
Sweetser, E. F.
Stout, Richard S.
Tuttle, Jas.
Teague, Geo. H.
Walton, Oliver, 2d
Walton, Solon
Walton, J. C. W.
Westgate, James
Williams, Francis
Woodward, J. F.
Young, Wm. F.
Upham, E. S.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1876-7.

For Support of Schools,	$12,000 00
School Contingent Fund,	1,000 00
Furnishing New Room in High School Building,	700 00
Support of the Poor,	4,500 00
" " Fire Department,	4,200 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,500 00
Payment of Town Officers,	2,800 00
Expense of Street Lamps,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	5,200 00
Support of Public Library { including dog tax 1875-6, $453.90 }	653 90
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	100 00
Publishing Valuation List,	400 00
Re-furnishing Yale Engine House,	100 00
Fourth of July Celebration,	600 00
Building Emerson Street,	250 00
" Beacon "	400 00
" Charles "	300 00
Water street Bridge (near J. Moran's),	50 00
Claim of James French,	300 00
Bird Houses,	30 00
Total Appropriations, Selectmen's Department,	$38,083 90
For Payment of Town Debt, 5,000 00	
" " " Interest on do. 9,500 00	
Total Treasurer's Department,	$14,500 00
Total,	$52,583 90

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Regular Appropriation,		$12,000 00
Rec'd from Mass. State fund 1875,		298 90
" " " " " 1876,		255 56
" Interest on same,		10 79
" Tuition,		10 00
Total,		$12,575 25

Expended as follows:

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Melvin J. Hill,	High School,	$1,750 00
Eliza M. Greenwood,	Asst. do.	637 50
M. E. Wentworth,	Advanced Grammar,	760 00
Abbie S. Perkins,	First "	552 50
Ella M. Pinkham,	Second "	247 00
Sara L. Thomas,	" "	282 00
Lilla M. Means,	Third, "	151 67
M. Annie Warren,	" "	348 00
Elenora Hutchinson,	Training School,	690 63
Alice Alexander,	" "	145 50
Susie D. Turnbull,	" "	40 50
Nellie A. Miller,	" "	34 50
Susan E. Barker,	" "	33 50
Clara E. Bancroft,	" "	6 00
C. Eveline Sweetser,	Ctr. Intermediate,	132 25
Francella M. Evans,	First Primary,	218 50
Myra A. Stearns,	" "	235 00
C. Eveline Sweetser,	Second "	356 20
M. I. Hersey,	" "	115 00
M. Annie Warren,	Franklin Int.	155 25
Susie D. Turnbull,	" "	290 00
Alice M. Wiley,	" Primary,	63 00
Myra A. Stearns,	" "	181 00
Emma L. Upham,	" "	235 00
Sara L. Thomas,	North District,	241 50
Francella M. Evans,	" "	270 26
Amount carried forward,		$8,172 26

Amount brought forward, . . .		$8,172 26
Paid Frannie L. Hartshorne,	South District, .	441 25
Sophie F. Hamblin,	West Int., . .	477 25
Ella M. Dager,	" Primary, .	233 50
L. J. Mansfield,	" " .	246 75
Annie R. Killoran,	East District, .	436 75
Emma L. Upham,	" " .	114 00
L. J. Mansfield,	Woodville, . .	210 00
Alice M. Wiley,	" . .	235 00
Nellie A. Miller,	West Dist. 1 week, .	11 50
Hattie E. Perkins,	Centre " 1-2 " .	5 00
George F. Wilson,	Music Teacher, .	281 75
Total Salaries, . .		$10,865 01

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Wm. H. Wiley,	High School Building,	$231 67
A. F. Hutchinson,	Centre District, .	201 03
James E. Buckley,	Franklin Street, .	82 00
Henry Phelps,	North District, .	39 00
Isaac F. Sheldon,	South " .	51 00
Jonas Cowdrey,	West " .	82 00
George H. Wiley,	East " .	59 20
E. Butterfield,	Woodville, .	36 25
Total, ...		$782 15

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Geo. W. Aborn for fuel as follows, viz.:		
30 tons Furnace Coal at $6.99, . .		$209 70
10 " Egg " " 7.50, . .		75 00
1 " Coal " 8.50, . .		8 50
1 " " " 9.00, . .		9 00
Basketing do., ...		7 50
42 cords Oak Wood at $7.94, . . .		333 48
15 " Pine " " 5.90, . . .		88 50
4 " Wood " 10.00, . . .		40 00
1 " " " 8.50, . . .		8 50
Amount carried forward, . . .		$780 18

Amount brought forward, . . .		$780 18
3 6-8 cords of Wood, ...		29 75
Sawing and Housing, ...		9 44
Measuring, ...		24
Total for fuel, . . .		$819 61

PREPARING FUEL.

Paid Asaph Evans, . . .	$38 99	
Moses G. Hobson, . . .	12 66	
Michael Madden, . . .	21 00	
James E. Buckley, . . .	2 50	
Isaac F. Sheldon, . . .	2 00	
Wm. H. Wiley, . . .	3 33	
Total for preparing, . .		80 48
		$900 09

INCIDENTAL EXPENSE.

Paid Wm. Ricker, Rent of School Room, .	$28 00

Recapitulation.

Appropriation brought forward,		$12,575 25
Expended:		
Teachers' Salaries, .	$10,865 01	
Janitors' Services, .	782 15	
Fuel Account, .	900 09	
Incidental, .	28 00	
		$12, 575 25

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid W. H. Twombly,	printing, &c.	$58 87
S. B. Dearborn,	"	14 75
C. P. Foster,	books and stationery,	62 87
R. L. Murkland,	" "	62 58
S. K. Hamilton, Sec'y,	"	7 71
Amer. Baptist Pub. Soc'y,	"	8 89
Doane & Greenough,	ink,	15 00
H. M. Rideout,	taking census,	40 00
M. J. Hill,	decorations and chemicals,	4 30
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	maps,	3 60
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	gas,	5 85
J. G. McLeod,	repairs,	222 94
W. A. Hamblin,	"	16 75
Staples & Teague,	"	13 82
Bacon & Sweetser,	"	41 31
M. C. Taylor,	"	33 00
John Purington,	"	60 12
Wm. H. Shea,	"	13 20
G. C. McKenzie,	"	4 00
John Wiley, 2d,	"	2 00
J. McKnight,	"	9 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	"	37 97
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	9 08
Geo. W. Aborn,	labor,	5 00
I. F. Sheldon,	"	4 55
Charles Hart,	"	10 20
Hero W. Nichols,	"	75
Jonas Cowdrey,	"	1 50
Mrs. E. Gihon,	cleaning,	6 00
Mrs. Freeby,	"	6 50
Geo. H. Teague,	repairing gong,	6 00
J. A. Swasey,	blackboards,	200 60
J. L. Hammett,	sundries,	3 65
Amount carried forward		$992 36

Amount brought forward . . .		$992 36
Paid L. F. Linnell,	expressing, .	1 70
Total expenditures, . .		$994 06
Balance unexpended, . .		5 94
		$1000 00

NEW SCHOOL ROOM IN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$700 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid J. A. Swasey,	blackboards, .	$55 00
A. G. Whitcomb,	furniture, .	326 80
Franklin Foundry Co.,	stove and repairs,	157 83
Frye, Phipps & Co.,	fixtures, .	1 34
G. C. McKenzie,	clock, . .	8 00
F. S. Shaw,	shades and fixtures, .	19 87
D. P. Mason,	labor, . .	3 00
M. C. Taylor,	" . .	97 50
J. B. Wiley,	" . .	3 75
Geo. W. Aborn,	teaming, .	2 25
J. H. Eaton,	expressing, .	65
Geo. H. Teague,	labor, . .	16 85
Total Expenditures, . .		$692 84
Balance unexpended, . .		7 16
		$700 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized,		$4,200 00
Expended as follows:		

Yale Engine Company, No. 1.

Paid Fireman's Services to May 1st, 1876,		$1,250 00
David Flanders,	Steward's services,	37 72
Geo. H, Sweetser,	" "	37 25
J. F. Emerson,	Record Book,	4 25
F. G. Coker, Treas.,	side ropes,	3 75
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	gas,	56 25
Geo. W. Aborn,	fuel,	4 75
A. W. Mitchell,	badges,	56 25
Andrew Young,	use of horses,	5 00
H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	11 00
Hunneman & Co.,	repairs,	62 00
J. & S. Winship,	"	6 50
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	"	69 55
Chas. L. Jones,	"	2 00
Israel A. Parsons,	"	1 55
A. J. Hutchinson,	labor and sundries,	11 85
Andrew Goodwin,	" "	8 00
F. S. Shaw,	fixtures,	4 72
C. E. Wiggin,	mugs and spoons,	11 00
Total,		$1,643 39

C. Wakefield Engine Company, No. 2.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1876,		$997 91
Lewis Fogg,	Steward's services,	23 50
Geo. I. Oliver,	" "	8 75
J. J. Mansfield,	use of horses,	10 00
For rent of land,		5 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	sundries,	1 25
Holmes & Sanford,	"	3 88
Total,		$1,050 29

CHEMICAL ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1876,	.	$300 00
Oscar Hutchinson,	rent, . . .	37 50
J. J. Mansfield,	fuel, . . .	4 12
E. H. Brabrook,	table and chairs, .	7 60
B. F. Brown,	painting, . .	20 00
B. F. Abbott,	chemicals, . .	3 00
G. W. Kendall,	springs, . .	11 00
H. N. Winslow,	teaming, . .	10 50
J. J. Mansfield,	" . . .	4 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	sundries, . .	3 25
Moses Staples,	labor, . .	4 78
Total, ...		$405 75

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1876,	.	$562 44
John M. Cate,	rent, . . .	165 00
A. W. Mitchell,	badges, . .	22 50
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	gas, . . .	10 80
Doane & Greenough,	Record Book, .	2 50
H. N. Winslow,	teaming, . .	75
John H. Perkins,	use of horses, .	11 00
Andrew Goodwin,	labor and sundries,	7 41
Israel A. Parsons,	labor, . . .	4 50
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs, . .	50
A. J. Hutchinson,	burners, . .	50
Total, ...		$787 90

OTHER EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. J. Hutchinson,	labor on Reservoirs,	$8 00
A. C. Perkins,	" " .	5 50
Bernard Smith,	" " .	75
W. G. Skinner,	posting bills, .	1 50
W. H. Twombly,	printing, advertising, &c.,	5 00
Amount carried forward . . .		$20 75

Amount brought forward . . .		$20 75
Paid Andrew Goodwin,	ringing fire alarms,.	7 00
" "	labor and sundries,.	19 05
Ezra Gowing,	removing gravel, .	15 00
C. N. White,	labor and sundries,	17 55
Belt & Leather Stuffing Co.,	oil for hose, .	66 75
John Linscott,	oil clothing, .	10 50
Isaac S. Morse,	legal advice, .	10 00
C. H. Robertson,	straps, . .	2 50
L. F. Linnell,	express, . .	85
John H. Eaton,	" . .	3 25
R. L. Cooper,	sundries, . .	1 85
Total, ...		$175 05

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co. No. 1, ...	$1,643 39
C. Wakefield Co. No. 2, ...	1,050 29
Chemical Co. No. 1, ...	405 75
Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, . .	787 90
Sundry other Expenses, ...	175 05
Total, ...	$4,062 38
Balance unexpended, . .	137 62
	$4,200 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$4,500 00
Paid Cyrus N. White, Chairman of Overseers, as per receipts, ...	4,950 00
Balance overdrawn, . .	$450 00

For details of expenditures, see Report of Overseers of the Poor.

By vote of the Town, Feb'y 21st, 1877, the Selectmen were authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer for this Department to the amount of $600, in excess of appropriation, if necessary.

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	gas,	558 25
A. W. Cate,	for lighting,	229 00
I. F. Sheldon,	" 2 yrs.,	171 10
Sterry Smith & Co.,	lamp posts,	10 00
B. P. Bowman,	lanterns,	7 00
Joseph Cartwright,	repairing do.,	1 75
Z. F. Fairbanks,	" "	5 25
D. P. Mason,	repairs,	4 50
J. N. Eames,	"	75
Descalzo & Boulger,	"	7 55
R. L. Murkland,		1 50
C. R. Tuttle,	oil and lighting,	2 07
Total,		$998 72
Balance unexpended,		1 28
		$1,000 00

SUPPORT OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Regular appropriation,	$200 00
Dog Tax 1875-6,	453 90
	$653 90
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees,	$653 90

For details of expenditure, see Trustees' Report.

PAYMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$2,800 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Board of Auditors,	1875-6, . .	$100 00
" Selectmen,	1876-7, . .	400 00
" Assessors,	" . .	400 00
" Overseers of Poor,	" . . .	150 00
" Engineers of Fire Department,		100 00
C. F. Hartshorne,	Town Clerk, . .	100 00
" "	Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1875, . .	86 40
C. F. Hartshorne,	sealer of weights & measures,	15 00
Richard Britton,	Collector, on acc't, .	375 00
O. V. Waterman,	" " . .	150 00
John F. Alexander,	Janitor, 2 months, .	50 00
F. G. Coker,	" 10 " . .	240 00
W. G. Skinner,	Truant Officer, . .	35 00
" "	Return of Deaths, .	2 75
O. Walton, 2d,	" " . .	13 0
John Malony,	" " . .	1 00
Chas. R. Bliss,	School Com. to Apr., 1876,	56 67
S. K. Hamilton,	" " . . .	33 33
Daniel Carey,	Truant Officer, . . .	25 00
Daniel Carey,	Constable and Police, .	128 20
C. H. Davis,	" " " .	38 64
Oliver Walton, 2d,	Constable, . .	6 00
F. G. Coker,	Police, . . .	101 30
H. D. Hoyt,	" . . .	63 60
Isaac F. Sheldon,	" . . .	20 00
Issacher Stowell,	" . . .	18 50
John Drugan,	" . . .	10 50
Moses Staples,	" . . .	25 55
J. F. Alexander,	" . . .	8 00
Joseph Tuttle,	" . . .	7 00
Thomas Barber,	" . . .	12 00
Total, ...		$2,772 44
Balance unexpended, . .		27 56
		$2,800 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Regular Appropriation, ...	$4,500 00
Extra Appropriation for Boiler in Town House,	700 00
	$5,200 00

Expended as follows:

Town House Account.

Paid Citizens' Gas Lt. Co. for gas, . . .	$663 30
Benson & Hall, 30 tons furnace coal at $6.75,	202 50
" " 4 " stove " 7.50,	30 00
Geo. W. Aborn, fuel, ...	15 00
H. D. Hoyt, "	7 25
F. G. Coker, sundries, ...	25 44
E. Hodge & Co., boiler, ...	370 00
Descalzo & Boulger, labor on do., . .	46 20
Wm. K. Perkins, " " .	125 00
" " " " lockup, .	92 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on boiler, .	2 80
C. W. Trow, repairs, . . .	13 50
Lewis Fairbanks, " . . .	49 84
Moses Staples, " . . .	5 22
G. N. Littlefield & Co., " . . .	30 15
Wm. Washburn, Architect on repairs of roof in 1875, ...	175 00
Burns & Bee, repairs on roof 1876, .	38 84
J. O. Hollis & Co., keys, . . .	50
B. F. Abbott, repairing clock, . . .	1 50
Total, ...	$1,894 04

Note.—Janitor's services charged to the appropriation for payment of town officers. See Treasurer's report for income of Hall.

Printing, Stationery, &c.

Paid W. H. Twombly, ptg. town reports 1875-6,	$307 30
" " " and stationery, .	112 13
S. B. Dearborn, printing, . . .	2 75
Doane & Greenough, stationery, . .	21 40
R. L. Murkland, " . .	37 09
Total, ...	$480 67

Pertaining to Highways.

Paid Patrick Kenney, compensation in excess of contract for Cottage Street, . .	$94 59
John Stout, labor on " " . .	15 00
Wm. Ahlert, " " " . .	3 00
Timothy Sullivan, " " " . .	10 00
Patrick Grady, " " " . .	25 10
N. H. Dow, balance for labor in excess of appropriation for Water st. Bridge, .	49 41
Joshua Perham, covering " " .	9 00
Peterson & Parker, stone posts for st. bounds,	70 00
M. E. Goodwin, " " " .	1 75
R. L. Murkland, setting bounds, &c., .	63 11
J. B. Forsythe, " " .	1 50
Wm. Derby, " " .	1 25
A. N. Blanchard, labor as surveyor 1875-6,	25 71
S. Parker, bound stone outlet of Lake, .	3 00
H. H. Hobson, lumber, " " .	1 30
Amasa Farrier, labor, " " .	3 00
H. B. Emerson, " " " .	3 95
Andrew Young, labor for Fish Commissioners,	4 00
Curtis & Stevens, surveying Greenwood st.	20 00
Oliver Walton, 2d, labor in Old Cemetery,	6 00
B. A. Osgood, damages on Highway, .	20 00
Baptist Soc'y, land damages Vinton Place,	100 00
A. C Perkins, labor on trees, . .	20 43
David Perkins, " street signs, .	9 50
Lewis Fairbanks, " " . .	11 00
Geo. H. Teague, " " . .	8 50
Russell Seaver, " " and pumps,	6 92
B. Peabody, rep'g Town pump Greenwood,	10 00
John Wiley, 2d, " " Montrose,	1 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co., " Centre,	1 70
J. N. Eames, " " " .	1 00
Total, ...	$600 72

Insurance.

Paid C. F. Hartshorne, Ins. on Town House,	.	$400 00
" " " School Houses,		475 00
" " " Alms-house,	.	101 25
J. D. Mansfield, " Town House,	.	500 00
" " " School Houses,		32 00
" " " Town Library,		24 00
		$1,532 25

Incidental Expenses.

Paid J. M. Cate, rent of armory,*	. . .	$308 00
W. G. Skinner, circulating town reports,	.	18 00
" " " valuation list, $15.00		
Less amt. charged to regular appro., 6.70		
		8 30
W. G. Skinner, return of deaths, 1875,	.	3 50
O. V. Waterman, tax bills,	. . .	15 00
George Abbott, repairs of flag and staff,	.	19 80
J. R. Mansfield, account Board of Health,		31 50
David Flanders, legal expenses,	. .	38 00
R. L. Murkland, expenses Assessors' Convention,		4 50
A. J. Perham, teams for police,	. .	12 00
W. S. Greenough, map,		5 00
A. V. Lynde, release tax deeds,	. .	28 98
Thomas Gaffey, damages to fence,	. .	13 00
H. L. Day, expenses in matter of Yale furniture,		2 70
Joseph Tuttle, removing ashes,	. .	3 00
J. & S. Winship, repairs on hearse,	. .	13 00
Z. F. Fairbanks, sundry repairs,	. .	2 33
G. N. Littlefield & Co., "	. .	8 57
J. H. Eaton, express,	. . .	1 00
L. F. Linnell, "	. . .	3 05
Total,		$539 23

*Reimbursed by the State.

Recapitulation.

Town House account,	$1,894 04
Printing, stationery, &c.,	480 67
Pertaining to Highways,	600 72
Insurance,	1,532 25
Incidentals,	539 23
Total,	5,046 91
Balance unexpended,	153 09
	$5,209 00

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Appropriation authorized,	$600 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid J. F. Emerson, Chairman of Committee, as follows, viz.:	
Music, Ripley's Band,	$200 00
Bonfire combustibles,	9 00
Ringing of bells,	9 00
Powder and wadding,	6 50
Regatta prizes,	92 00
Boat expenses,	3 00
Fireworks,	50 00
Labor and lumber,	19 00
Common-games, prizes,	10 00
Posters, programmes and advertising	30 00
Exercises at Town Hall, carriage hire,	2 00
Express and expense,	5 70
Badges,	1 00
Total	$437 20
Balance unexpended,	162 80
	$600 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$100 00
Paid H. M. Rideout, Treasurer G. A. R. Post 12,	100 00

PUBLISHING VALUATION LIST.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$400 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Assessors for preparing list, . . .	$60 00
W. H. Twombly, printing do., . . .	333 30
W. G. Skinner, circulating do., . . .	15 00
Total, , ...	$408 30
Balance in excess of appropriation carried to Miscellaneous Account,	8 30
	$400 00

RE-FURNISHING YALE ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$100 00
Nothing expended.	

CLAIM OF JAMES FRENCH.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$300 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Judgment and referee's fee, . . .	$282 94
Eaton & Hamilton, services, . . .	10 00
Total, ...	$292 94
Balance unexpended, . . .	7 06
	$300 00

BIRD HOUSES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$30 00
Paid Geo. H. Teague, as per contract, . .	24 00
Balance unexpended, . . .	6 00
	$30 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$3,500 00
This amount was apportioned by the Selectmen as follows, viz. :	
For Centre District, J. H. Perkins, surveyor, .	$725 00
North " Ezra Gowing, " .	450 00
East " C. H. Derby, " .	375 00
West " Cyrus Kimball, " .	675 00
South " L. B. Eaton, " .	475 00
Woodville" Joshua Perham, " .	300 00
New Salem St., under direction of selectmen,	500 00
	$3,500 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows :

New Salem Street.—By Selectmen.

Amount apportioned, ...	$500 00
Expended as follows :	
Paid Asaph Evans, labor, ...	$30 62
John Pratt, "	6 12
Joseph Tuttle, for labor sundry individuals,	292 71
John Cuff, labor, ...	5 42
Paid Jonathan Nichols, digging ditch, .	3 00
David Perkins, building 160 rods fence, .	155 75
Total, ...	$493 62
Balance unexpended, . . .	6 38
	$500 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.—J. H. PERKINS, SURVEYOR FOR 1876.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	$725 00
Cash balance in surveyor's hands for 1875, .	29 23

ERRATA.

In the account of Highway Surveyor for Centre District, errors will be found as follows: J. H. Perkins, 36 3-4 days labor, should be 50 1-4 days; J. H. Perkins, horse and cart 38 1-2 days, should be 58 days. Also, Levi Flanders, 11 days, should read 22 days.

Paid J. H. Perkins, 36 3-4 days' labor at $2.00, .	$100 50
" " horse and cart 38 1-2 days at 1.75, ...	101 50
" " clearing snow in Feb. 1876,	14 75
" " scraping gravel, . . .	4 22
J. G. Morrill, clearing snow, Feb. 1876, .	13 62
" " scraping gravel, . . .	5 00
Andrew Young, clearing snow, Feb. 1876,	12 01
" " scraping gravel, . .	18 00
" " with horse and cart 7 1-2 days at 3.50, . . .	26 25
Levi Flanders, 11 days at 1.75, . . .	38 50
Peter Connell, 41 1-4 days at 1.75, . .	72 18
Michael Madden, 70 days at 1.75 . .	122 50
Timothy Reagan, 58 1-2 days at 1.75, .	101 65
Charles Hart, 5 days at 1.75, . . .	8 75
John Drugan, 2 days at 1.75, . . .	3 50
John Eager, 2 days at 1.75, . . .	3 50
John Mulligan, 10 days at 1.75, . . .	17 50
L. D. Hoyt, with team, 3 days at 3.50, .	10 50
G. W. Aborn, with team, 5 days at 3.50, .	17 50
Moses Staples, labor, ...	20
Wm. Bowker, 229 loads gravel at 5c., .	11 45
N. H. Dow, building stone bridge, . .	40 00
H. H. Hobson, lumber, ...	1 87
Samuel Ray, blacksmith, ...	2 20
John Purington, lumber, ...	4 58
Town of Lynnfield, use of scraper, . .	2 00
	$754 23

NORTH DIST.—DAVID BATCHELDER, SURVEYOR FOR 1875.

Balance in hands of surveyor as per report last year,	$128 82
Expended as follows:	
Paid David Batchelder, 7 1-2 days' labor at 1.50,	$11 25
" " blacksmith work, . .	1 00
" " post and rail, . .	66
Ezra Gowing, 2 days' labor at 1.50, . .	3 00
C. P. Poland, 1-2 day's labor, . . .	1 00
" " 1 1-2 days with team at 3.00,	4 50
" " removing snow, . . .	17 86
G. W. Aborn, ...	6 48
Total, ...	$45 75
Balance unexpended which has been paid into the Town treasury, .	$83 07
	$128 82

NORTH DISTRICT.—EZRA GOWING, SURVEYOR FOR 1876.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor, .	$450 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Ezra Gowing, 23 1-6 days labor at $1.75,	40 56
" " for team 8 3-4 " " 1.50,	13 12
" " 25 " " 2.00,	50 00
" " team 12 1-4 " " 1.75,	21 44
Ezra Gowing, jr., 12 " " 1.50,	18 00
B. F. Shedd, 10 1-2 " " 1.50,	15 75
" " 24 1-2 " " 1.75,	35 87
" " team 3 1-2 " " 1.50,	5 25
" " team 14 1-2 " " 1.75,	25 37
Henry Clay, " 16 " " 3.50,	56 00
Timothy Cronin, 24 1-4 " " 1.75,	42 44
J. P. Forsyth, 17 " " 1.75,	29 75
John O'Neal, 17 " " 1.75,	29 75
C. P. Poland, removing snow, . . .	34 34
B. F. Shedd, " " . . .	6 60
Amount carried forward . . .	$424 24

Amount brought forward, . . .			$424 24
B. F. Shedd,	23 loads gravel	" 5 cts.	1 15
Lucius Beebe,	225 "	" 10 "	22 50
Joshua Green,	16 "	" 6 "	96
Samuel Ray, blacksmith, ...			1 15
			$450 00

South District.—Geo. K. Gilman, Surveyor for 1875.

Balance in hands of Surveyor as per report last year, ...	$26 94
Expended as follows:	
Paid Geo. K. Gilman, 9 1-2 days labor at $2.00,	19 00
Milton Phillips, clearing snow, . .	1 70
Total, ...	20 70
Balance paid to the Town Treasurer, . .	6 24
	$26 94

South District.—L. B. Eaton, Surveyor for 1876.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor, .			$475 00
Expended as follows:			
Paid L. B. Eaton,	60 1-2 days labor at	$1.75,	$105 87
" " team	52 "	" 1.50,	78 00
Geo. K. Gilman,	48 1-2 "	" 1.50,	72 75
Wm. Oliver,	54 1-2 "	" 1.50,	81 75
Wm. Taylor,	2 "	" 1.50,	3 00
Thomas Flynn,	19 1-4 "	" 1.50,	28 87
S. E. McAlmon,	6 "	" 1.50,	9 00
Horace Lewis,	5 "	" 1.50,	7 50
C. H. Oliver,	3 1-3 "	" 1.50,	5 00
Peter Froton,	2 "	" 1.50,	3 00
A. E. Parks,	2 1-2 "	" 1.50,	3 75
A. P. Proctor,	1 "	" 1.50,	1 50
Andrew Young, scraping gravel, . .			6 00
Amount carried forward, . . .			$405 99

Amount brought forward . . .	$405 99
Paid Henry Oliver, scraping gravel, . . .	6 00
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .	13 68
Total, ...	$425 67
Balance in hands of Surveyor, . . .	49 33
	$475 00

EAST DISTRICT.—A. N. BLANCHARD, SURVEYOR FOR 1875.

Balance in hands of Surveyor as per report last year, ...	$2 73
Rec'd from Selectmen from Miscellaneous Acc't,	25 71
	$28 44

Expended as follows:

Paid A. N. Blanchard, removing snow, . .	$6 50
" " 2 days labor at $2.00,	4 00
" " 1 " with team, .	3 75
" " repairing bridge, . .	2 00
" " with team on Vernon street,	2 88
" " plowing, ...	50
D. S. Fairbanks, labor, ...	8 81
	$28 44

EAST DISTRICT.—CHAS. H. DERBY, SURVEYOR FOR 1876.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor, .	$375 00

Expended as follows:

Paid C. H. Derby, 27 3-4 days labor at $2.00,	$55 50
" " team 31 3-4 " " 1.75,	55 57
Frank P. Hoyt, 8 1-4 " " 2.00,	16 50
" " 9 " " 1.75,	15 75
" " team 17 1-4 " " 1.75,	30 19
C. H. Hart, 7 1-4 " " 2.00,	14 50
" " 23 1-2 " " 1.75,	41 12
Amount carried forward, . . .	$229 13

Amount brought forward, . . .	$229 13
Paid I. F. Barnes, 6 3-4 days' labor at 2.00,	13 50
" " 9 " " 1.75,	15 75
J. J. Mansfield, team 7 " " 1.75,	12 25
H. Woodis, 16 1-4 " " 1.75,	28 44
Jonathan Nichols, 110 loads gravel at 4 cts.,	4 40
C. H. Derby, removing snow, . . .	10 20
C. H. Hart, " " . . .	4 00
F. P. Hoyt, " " . . .	1 87
Total, ...	$319 54
Balance in hands of Surveyor, . . .	55 46
	$375 00

West District.—Cyrus Kimball, Surveyor.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor, .	$675 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Cyrus Kimball balance due him as per report last year, ...	$47 57
Cyrns Kimball, 35 1-4 days labor at $2.00,	70 50
" " 16 1-2 " " 1.75,	28 87
" " 47 1-4 " team, " 1.75,	82 69
" " 6 1-2 days with team 4.00,	26 00
" " removing snow, . .	3 00
Hero Nichols and team, 9 3-4 days at 3.50,	34 12
Patrick Grany, 24 1-4 " 1.75,	42 44
Daniel Haggerty, 18 " 1.75,	31 50
Simeon Parker, 12 3-4 " 1.75,	22 30
Levi Flanders, 1 " 1.75,	1 75
Michael Connell, 18 1-4 " 1.75,	31 93
Edward Ford, 29 3-4 " 1.75,	52 06
Edward Butler, 18 3-4 " 1.75,	32 81
Frank McCormick, 24 1-4 " 1.75,	42 43
Thomas Flynn, 9 1-4 " 1.75,	16 18
John A'Hearn, 5 1-2 " 1.75,	9 62
Leonard Williams, 19 3-4 " 1.75,	34 56
Amount carried forward . . .	$610 33

Amount brought forward, . . .		$610 33
Paid Patrick Foley,	6 1.4 days at 1.75,	10 93
Patrick Reagan,	5 1-2 " 1.75,	9 62
Patrick Butler,	12 1-4 " 1.75,	21 43
A. J. Blanchard,	3 " 1.75,	5 25
John McLeod,	3 1-2 " 1.75,	6 12
Dennis Feehan,	1 " 1.75,	1 75
Andrew Young,	1 " 1.75,	1 75
James Keniston,	1-2 " 1.75,	87
Michael Connell, removing snow, . .		87
Simon Parker, " " . .		87
Patrick Foley " " . .		87
Joshua Perham, scraping gravel, . .		2 00
Adam Wiley, use of drag, . . .		50
R. L. Cooper, 101 loads of gravel at 5 cts.,		5 05
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .		12 96
J. S. Trowbridge & Co., powder, . .		1 93
H. H. Hobson, lumber, ...		86
Philip Fehen, blacksmith, . . .		4 90
Park Bros. & Co., pick steel, . . .		1 20
G. N. Littlefield & Co., handles, . .		1 25
For picks, ...		1 50
Total expended, . . .		$702 81
There is therefore a balance due Mr. Kimball of .		27 81
		$675 00

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—JOSHUA PERHAM, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	$300 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Joshua Perham, 39 1-2 days' labor at 2.00,	$79 00
" " team 28 1-2 days' labor at 1.75, ...	49 87
" " removing snow, . .	15 25
Baxter I. Wiley, " " . .	3 00
Amount carried forward, . . .	$147 12

Amount brought forward, . . .	$147 12
Paid Enos Wiley, removing snow, . .	1 50
H. N. Oliver, " " . .	5 25
Benjamin Jarvis, 2 1-2 days at 1.50, . .	3 75
David Buckley, 2 1-2 days at 1.50, . .	3 75
" " 6 1-2 days at 1.75, . .	11 37
Orrison Ripley, 1 day at 1.50, . . .	1 50
" " 10 1-2 days at 1.75, . .	18 37
Andrew Young, 2 days at 2.00, . . .	4 00
H. N. Oliver, 1 1-2 days at 2.00, . .	3 00
" " 10 days with team at 3.50, .	35 00
John Lynch, 7 1-2 days at 1.75, . .	13 12
Dennis Braman, 1-2 day at 1.75, . .	87
Maurice Fitzgerald, 8 1-2 days at 1.75, .	14 87
Patrick Devine, 9 1-2 days at 1.75, . .	16 62
John Cuff, 9 days at 1.75, . . .	15 75
Geo. W. Aborn, 24 loads gravel at 5c., .	1 00
for sharpening picks and bars, . . .	60
Total, ...	$297 44
Balance in hands of surveyor, . .	2 56
	$300 00

Mr. Perham reports that money has been expended upon different streets as follows, viz. :

Water Street, ...	$165 00
Wiley "	18 00
Nahant "	30 00
Franklin "	45 00
Farm "	11 50
Street near Baxter Wiley's, ...	5 50
	$275 00

BUILDING BEACON STREET.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$400 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Curtis & Stevens, surveying, &c., . .	$29 00
James Oliver, Chairman of Selectmen, and held by him to fulfil the existing contract, ...	$150 00
Total, ...	$179 00
Balance unexpended, ...	221 00
	$400 00

BUILDING CHARLES STREET.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$300 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Curtis & Stevens, surveying, &c., . .	$16 00
James Oliver, Chairman of Selectmen, and held by him to meet the provisions of contract, ...	184 00
Total, ...	$200 00
Balance unexpended, . . .	100 00
	$300 00

WATER STREET BRIDGE, near J. Moran's.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$50 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid N. H. Dow, labor and material, . .	99 41
Joshua Perham, labor, ...	9 00
Total, ...	$108 41
Balance in excess of appropriation carried to Miscellaneous Account, .	58 41
	$50 00

BUILDING EMERSON STREET.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$250 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Curtis & Stevens, surveying &c., . .	$15 00
Cyrus Kimball, labor, ...	54 12
Richard Britton, Collector, for taxes worked out by sundry individuals, as per vote of town, ...	143 20
O. V. Waterman, Collector as above, . .	55 20
Total, ...	$267 52
Balance overdrawn, . . .	17 52
	$250 00

CASH BALANCES IN HANDS OF SELECTMEN OF LAST YEAR, AS PER REPORT.

Cottage street appropriation, ...	$250 00
Summer " "	379 50
	$629 50
Expended by Selectmen of this yeas as follows:	
Paid Patrick Kenney balance due on account of contract of Cottage street, . . .	$119 00
Patrick Kenney, extra compensation, .	281 00
Gowing and Sweetser as per contract for Summer street, ...	297 00
For lengthening out Bridge, . . .	19 54
For repairing Driveways, ...	7 55
	$724 09
Excess taken from appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses, . . .	94 59
	$629 50

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year ending April 1st, 1877.

EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

For grain and meal,	$311 90
groceries,	359 96
meat and provisions,	411 37
dry goods,	152 39
coal,	187 58
clothing,	50 76
salt and fresh fish,	45 23
funeral expenses of Dan. Rankin,	22 00
" " " Sarah Emerson,	17 00
" " " James Vinton,	21 00
tea and coffee,	22 65
tobacco and snuff,	21 91
labor on farm,	89 00
ice,	20 00
crackers and bread,	22 05
pasturing calves,	10 00
rye and Indian meal,	12 45
kerosene oil,	13 20
brooms,	7 89
blacksmith's bill,	38 75
stock,	114 76
field and garden seeds,	15 84
Amount carried forward,	$1,967 69

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,967 69
For molasses, ...	74 80
soap, ...	14 90
repairs on buildings, ...	3 50
26 bbls. of flour, ...	211 50
beans and peas, ...	12 85
dog license, ...	2 00
sugar, ...	57 59
school books and stationery, . . .	16 70
physician's services, ...	42 50
medicines, ...	52 73
alcohol and liquors, ...	18 77
hard and tin ware, ...	42 79
household furniture, ...	12 95
farming tools, ...	11 02
beds and bedding, ...	36 64
grindstone, ...	8 12
butter, ...	28 08
vinegar, ...	4 75
wooden ware, ...	10 75
crockery, ...	1 77
boots and shoes, ...	98 50
repairs on harness, ...	10 90
varnishing wagon, ...	8 00
window screens, ...	3 25
filing saws, ...	1 25
wheelwright's bill, ...	27 05
salt grass, ...	27 90
newspaper and post-office bill, . . .	5 06
car tickets and expense, ...	6 30
sundries, ...	11 01
plaster for vines, ...	50
cash to inmates, ...	1 24
use of bull, ...	4 00
tomato plants, ...	1 00
Paid Joseph Tuttle, keeper, salary in full, .	350 00
Total expense at the almshouse for this year, ...	$3,188 36

RECEIPTS.

Received for labor on New Salem street, . .	$67 00
removing ashes from Town House,	3 00
from sundry persons, . . .	4 00
neighbors, for milk, . . .	2 83
Shepard, " . . .	6 62
D. G. Walton, for milk, . .	15 00
J. D. Mansfield, for milk, &c., .	12 71
potatoes, ...	6 50
E. W. Eaton, for potatoes, . .	3 25
Sanford, " " . .	24 00
Deadman, " " . .	36 37
D. G. Walton, for pork, . .	28 71
Deadman, " " . .	43 65
C. N. White, " " . .	9 90
for flour barrels, ...	5 18
vegetables, and from sundry persons,	4 75
from D. G. Walton for vegetables, .	30 29
Deadman, for veal, . . .	18 25
Libby, for cow, . . .	25 00
for board of J. Vinton, . . .	15 00
" " school teacher, . .	5 75
Total receipts, . . .	$367 76
Net expense at almshouse, . . .	$2,820 60
Bills of last year not rendered:	
physician's services, ...	$25 50
blacksmith's "	26 86
	$52 36
	$2,872 96
Due from Joshua Perham for shoveling snow, .	7 60

EXPENSES AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

Paid board	Nelson Sweetser, hospital,	$211 44
	Mary Osborne, hospital,	45 50
	Teresa Blakely, Boston,	47 82
	Elijah Edson, Fitchburg,	12 00
	William Flynn, Woburn,	20 00
Supplies to	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Reading,	158 50
	H. W. Brown, Reading,	89 38
Doctor's bill	" " "	81 25
Reform School,	D. S. Dudley, Westborough,	26 35
" "	G. W. Blaisdell, "	19 50
Supplies to	Mrs. R. Sloan,	110 00
	Tramps,	10 09
	S. W. Whitney,	133 45
	Michael Welch, Lawrence,	3 25
	Patrick Forbes, Fall River,	6 00
	John S. Mann,	24 00
	R. H. Parsons,	29 95
	D. A. De Brechmont,	15 15
	Mrs. M. Cullen,	2 30
	Moses Barnes,	13 00
	N. C. Hunter,	12 15
	Mrs. S. Nichols,	53 84
	Mrs. J. Courtney,	3 00
	Dennis Kalaher,	6 65
	William Crowley,	54 10
	George Bowman,	5 20
	Porter Western,	15 97
	Mrs. Mary Reagan,	7 25
	" L. A. W. Durrill,	21 25
	" Margaret Bransfield,	5 12
	" T. G. Bladden,	8 15
	G. M. Ardell,	18 15
	Mrs. J. Merten,	1 88
	William Jones,	47 98
Doctor's bill	" "	13 75
	Amount carried forward	$1,333 37

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,333 37
Supplies to Mrs. M. Delury, ...	8 00
Doctor's bill " "	5 00
Supplies to Henry Williams, ...	8 00
Ann McCarty, ...	5 92
Jane Kelley, ...	4 15
Benjamin Jarvis, ...	7 00
Doctor's bill " "	12 00
Supplies to W. B. Crawford, ...	6 25
Charles Tucker, ...	2 00
Ellen Cochran, ...	9 10
J. T. B. Hall, ...	8 35
Mrs. Mary Curtiss, . . .	1 75
Thomas Manning, . . .	18 25
R. T. Foster, board of child, . .	51 00
Ellen Kelley, ...	4 00
William Newhall, (board of Tuttle child,)	52 00
Margaret Kelley, . . .	1 00
John Davis, ...	27 40
Martin Donahue, . . .	26 15
Peter Connell, ...	23 75
Daniel Shannahan, . . .	29 60
J. Mooney, ...	13 00
Mrs. Jane Resterick, . . .	30 00
T. Mulligan, ...	25 32
Samuel Mayo, ...	8 00
Mrs. Pendle, ...	1 00
Burial of Michael Foley's wife, . . .	15 00
Chase child, ...	10 00
Warren "	4 00
Supplies to John Foley's boys, . . .	20 00
E. W. Wood, ...	10 50
John Haggarty, ...	3 40
Mrs. L. Barlow, ...	4 40
Ralph Pratt, ...	52 50
Amount carried forward . . .	$1,841 16

Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,841 16
Supplies to Michael Connell, ...	4 00
J. Devlin, ...	4 37
Fowler, (child, colored,) . .	5 00
Mrs. Thompson, . . .	4 40
Barnard Derby, . . .	119 50
Expense of Overseers, ...	42 21
Total expense away from Almshouse,	$2,020 64

RECEIPTS.

Received from the town of Orleans, Mrs Sloan,	$110 00
" " " " " Watertown, S. W. Whitney, . .	63 30
" " " " " Peabody, J. S. Mann,	8 00
Total receipts, . . .	$181 30
Net expense away from Almshouse, . . .	1,839 34

BILLS NOT RENDERED IN LAST YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Supplies to Mrs. A. E. Oliver, . . .	$128 14
H. W. Brown, ...	88 39
Paid William Newhall, (board of child,) . .	78 00
	$294 53
Net expense away from Almshouse present year,	1,839 34
Total	$2,133 87

Recapitulation.

The Overseers have received from former Board,		$68 67
" " " " " town of Orleans, for Mrs. Rufus A. Sloan (last year's acc't),		60 00
Received from Town Treasurer, . . .		4,950 00
		$5,078 67
Net expense at the Almshouse,	$2,872 96	
" " away from "	2,133 87	
		$5,006 83
Balance in Overseers' hands, . .		$71 84

Largest number of inmates,	28
Average " " "	19
Present " " "	17
Tramps relieved,	855

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Stock,	$568 75
Hay,	252 50
Grain,	6 30
Carriages,	358 00
Farming tools,	320 00
Household furniture,	529 48
Provisions,	309 78
Manure,	164 50
Coal,	15 00
Miscellaneous,	1 25
Total,	$2,525 56

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. Warren Burditt,
James Lang,
Thomas G. Tuttle,
Geo. A. Burditt,
Edward J. Denehey,
James Vinton,*
Timothy O'Keefe,

Mrs. Keziah Burditt,
Jane Wood,
Sarah Nichols,
Miss Susan Burditt,
Eulalia Slocomb,
Juliette Eager,
Annie Wood,
Mary Ellen Denehey.

Mr. Dan. Rankin,*
James Eager,
John H. Slocomb,
John Machar,
Charles Tucker,
George W. Ley,

Mrs. Sarah Emerson,*
Rosella Slocomb,
Nora Denehey,
Miss Etta W. Slocomb,
Margaret Eager,
Cora Slocomb,
Mary Clements,

Those names with stars denote the persons are deceased.

Interest on Personal Property, . . .	$151 53
" Real Estate, ...	360 00
Overseers' orders, ...	2820 60
	$3,332 13

Supporting the average of 19 paupers, at $3.37 per week.

There is due from the town of Watertown, for S. W. Whitney, ...	$70 15
From the town of Peabody for J. S. Mann, .	16 00
city of Gloucester for R. H. Parsons, .	29 95
town of No. Reading for N. C. Hunter,	12 15
State, for J. A. DeBechmont, . .	15 15
Total, ...	$143 40

All bills due against the Town were paid up to January 1, 1877. There has since accrued bills not exceeding eighty dollars, which remain unpaid.

There has been at the Almshouse an unusual amount of sickness during the past year. Three individuals have died after a long illness. Mrs. Wood was sick during the summer, but has since recovered and left. Two men have been disabled, one with a broken arm, and the other with a lame hand for months. One woman has been sick the entire year, and at the present writing two girls are sick, one very low. The number of tramps has increased from four hundred and ninety, 1875-6, to eight hundred and fifty-five, 1876-7.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS N. WHITE,
B. W. OLIVER,
IRA WILEY, Jr.,
Overseers of Poor of Wakefield.

COLLECTORS' STATEMENTS.

Tax of 1873.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, - *Collector.*

Uncollected balance as per report last year, .		$111 30
Paid Town Treasurer, . .	$101 21	
Abated by Assessors, . .	10 09	
		$111 30

Tax of 1874.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, - *Collector.*

Total amount assessed, ...		$79,250 54
Received as interest, ...		1,377 75
		$80,628 29
Paid Town Treasurer, .	$76,677 59	
Abated by Assessors, .	1,586 37	
Discounts allowed, .	2,364 33	
		$80,628 29

Tax of 1875.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, - *Collector.*

Total amount assessed,		$59,087 08
Received as interest,		447 68
		$59,534 76
Paid Town Treasurer,	$51,378 52	
Abated by Assessors,	1,378 70	
Discounts allowed,	1,831 58	
		$54,588 80
Balance uncollected,		4,945 96

Tax of 1876.

RICHARD BRITTON, - *Collector.*

Total amount assessed,		$56,717 27
Received as interest,		48 05
		$56,765 32
Paid Town Treasurer,	$43,846 58	
Abated by Assessors,	635 27	
Discounts allowed,	1,974 61	
		$46,456 46
Balance uncollected,		10,308 86

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAS. F. FMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

DR.

To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1876,	$21,430 72
hired on town note,	5,000 00
interest received on taxes and loans,	56 58
release of tax deeds,	557 80
income Town Hall,	407 00
sale of town history,	618 00
rec'd F. Williams, Auctioneer license,	2 00
rec'd of O. V. Waterman, col. 1873-4-5,	15,272 35
rec'd of C. Wakefield Estate, acc't Road Commissioners,	1 15
rec'd of First District Court, lockup fees,	27 91
rec'd of David Batchelder, highway surveyor, 1875,	83 07
rec'd of Richard Britton, col. 1876,	43,846 58
rec'd on acc't, A. C. Perkin's bill,	1 00
rec'd of Daniel Norcross, auction'r license,	2 00
rec'd of Wm. G. Skinner, " "	2 00
rec'd of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	2,149 39
rec'd of " " National Bank "	1,529 32
rec'd of " " Armory rent,	248 40
rec'd of " " State aid,	1,871 87
rec'd of " " " school fund,	255 56
rec'd of Geo. K. Gilman, highway surveyor, 1875,	6 24
rec'd of Astor Fire Insurance Co., dividend,	19 58
rec'd from sale of Common grass,	20 00
rec'd from sale of old boiler at town house,	50 00
rec'd from County Treasurer, dog tax,	433 20
Total,	$93,891 72

CR.

By cash paid Selectmen's orders, . . .	$37,986 97
" principal on loans, . . .	30,000 00
" interest "	8,555 94
" S. K. Hamilton, Treas. School Committee, State school fund, 1876,	298 90
paid S. K. Hamilton, Treas. School Committee, State school fund, 1877,	255 56
paid for release deeds, . . .	9 00
" Daniel Carey, lockup keeper, .	17 16
" State aid acc't, ...	1,987 50
" for deeds of real estate sold for taxes, ...	974 20
" for Register of Deeds, . .	17 00
" Saugus tax, ...	5 00
" State tax, ...	4,572 00
" " Bank tax, ...	842 28
" County tax, ...	1,595 52
" F. G. Coker, lockup keeper, .	10 75
" Treas. Public Library, Flint memorial fund interest, . .	70 00
balance cash in Treasury, . . .	6,693 94
	$93,891 72

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1876, .	$141,600 00
since hired by Treasurer, . . .	5,000 00
	$146,600 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1876, . .	30,000 00
Total loans, ...	$116,600 00

Loans are now held, March 5, 1877, as follows:

Henry Bancroft Estate, due on demand,	$10,000 00	
Home Savings Bank, due Oct. 18, 1877,	20,000 00	
Hon. Otis Norcross, due April 27, 1878,	8,000 00	
State Treasurer, due May 1, 1879,	10,000 00	
State Treasurer, " " 20, 1881,	19,600 00	
Bonds to bearer, $1,000 each, due June 1, 1881,	19,000 00	
Bonds to bearer, $1,000 each, due May 1, 1882,	30,000 00	
Total,		$116,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes and Bonds bearing interest March 5, 1877,	$116,600 00	
Accrued interest on Notes and Bonds to this date,	2,336 82	
Due on State Aid Pension account,	66 00	
Outstanding town orders,	621 04	
Total Liabilities,		$119,623 86
Cash balance in Treasury,	$6,693 94	
Due from State on account of State aid, as per return, Dec. 31, 1876,	1,948 00	
Tax deeds held by Treasurer,	930 29	
Due on Tax List, 1875,	4,945 96	
" " 1876,	10,308 86	
Total Assets,		$24,827 05
Net debt,		$94,796 81
Net debt as per report last year,		99,943 84
Net debt as per report this year,		94,796 81
Decrease since 1876 report,		$5,147 03

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

Estate of	Tax of	Am't of Deed.
Philip Fehen,	1872,	$34 27
J. W. Bancroft,	1873,	13 14
A. J. Edmands,	1873,	20 53
Rodney Edmunds, (2 deeds)	1873,	34 49
A. L. Marshall,	1873,	26 98
Caroline R. Nichols,	1873,	104 87
James French,	1873,	5 97
Walcott & Young,	1873,	5 97
John McLeod, (2 deeds)	1873,	15 90
" "	1874,	16 24
C. Wakefield, (3 deeds)	1874,	90 26
Mary Slack,	1874,	76 02
J. W. Bancroft,	1874,	6 47
Rodney Edmands, (2 deeds)	1874,	37 01
A. J. Edmands,	1874,	22 14
Geo. W. Kendall,	1874,	38 39
B. G. Dunbar,	1874,	61 35
I. W. Silloway,	1874,	18 23
John Minniken,	1874,	14 30
A. J. Perham, (2 deeds)	1874,	95 91
Wm. Harvey,	1874,	51 82
Caroline R. Nichols,	1874,	99 44
Geo. W. Turner,	1874,	12 06
Thomas McCleary,	1874,	28 53
		$930 29

STATE AID.

Amount allowed various individuals for year ending March 1, 1877,	$1,963 00	
Balance due from Treas., March 1, 1876,	90 50	
		$2,053 50
The Treas. has paid of the above am't,	$1,987 50	
Due from Treas. to March 1, 1877,	66 00	
		2,053 50

The amounts which have been paid each person appear in the following statement:

Elizabeth R. Anderson,	$60 00	Johanna Ohpin,	$48 00
Mary V. Brown,	48 00	Esther S. Parker,	48 00
Israel F. Barnes,	3 00	W. D. Parker,	42 00
Amelia A. Carter,	8 00	Lucy E. Poland,	48 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	44 00	John P. Ross,	48 00
A. M. Chandler,	60 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
T. W. Coombs,	124 00	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
Ada E. Cowdrey,	40 00	John S. Sargent,	26 00
Mary A. Curtis,	96 00	Geo. W. Townsend,	168 00
John Davis,	72 00	Mary S. Wheeler,	40 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	66 00
Rodney Edmands,	76 00	John Wiley, 2d,	140 00
Alexander Flanders	56 00	John Whitford,	84 00
O. N. Gammons,	22 00	G. N. Whiting,	54 00
Micah Heath,	72 00	Hiram Woodis,	66 00
G. H. Jackson,	16 50		
Lucinda Locke,	40 00		$1,987 50
Sarah S. Mason,	44 00		
Elizabeth Moses,	60 00		

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of their action upon the more important matters to which their attention has been called during the past year:

NEW SALEM STREET.

The sum of $500 was appropriated, by vote of the town, for repairs on this street, and has been expended as follows:

For Grading,	$308 42
Railing,	148 46
Planting Willows,	36 74
	$493 62
Balance unexpended,	6 38
	$500 00

BYRON STREET.

The question of laying out a town way over the private way called Byron street, was, by vote of the town, referred to the Selectmen. A petition was also received, requesting the Board to lay out this street as a town way. A hearing was given on the premises, and after a full and careful consideration the Board were of the opinion that the benefits to be derived by the public would not be sufficient to warrant the expenditure of so large a sum as would be required to make this street safe for travel.

OAK STREET.

A hearing was given upon the petition of Edward Butler and others, for a town way from Albion to Lake street, over

the private way known as Oak street. The Board came to the same conclusion in this case as in that of Byron street, and for the same reasons.

ON THE PETITION

of John A. Maloney and others, for a town way from Richardson street to Water street, a hearing was granted, and while recognizing the desirableness of the street as petitioned for, the Board feel compelled to decline to report favorably on the petition, on account of the large amount claimed as damages by land owners.

MURRAY STREET.

On the petition of James P. Godfrey and others, for a town way from Gould to Chestnut street over the private way called Murray street, a hearing was given, but owing to the lateness of the season, the ground being covered with snow, no decision was made, and the matter was referred to the next Board of Selectmen.

EMERSON STREET.

The sum of $250 was appropriated by vote of the town to build this street, and the Selectmen were instructed to employ those who wished to work out their taxes, allowing no one to work out more than five dollars of his tax. These instructions were complied with as near as practicable. The street was built under the superintendence of Mr. Cyrus Kimball, Highway Surveyor of the West District, at an expense of $291.32. 105 loads of loam were sold from the street, to Mr. A. W. Chapman at 16 2-3 cents per load, amounting to $17.50; in which sum Mr. Chapman is indebted to the town, and which sum, deducted from the above amount of $291.32 leaves the net expense of this street $273.82. The above statement includes the sum of $23.50 still due as follows:

To Wm. G. Skinner, 2d,	$2 25
John Madden,	5 25
Lewis Chamberlin,	3 50
Thomas Gaffey,	3 75
M. O'Connor,	3 50
Bernard Smith,	5 25
	$23 50

BEACON STREET.

The proposal of Levi Flanders to build this street for $134 was accepted, and work will be commenced as soon as the season will allow.

CHARLES STREET.

The proposal of Simon Froton to build this street for $168.50 was accepted, and will soon be in process of construction.

COTTAGE STREET.

A contract was made in 1875 with Mr. Patrick Kenney for the building of this street for $349. On account of several ledges which required blasting, Mr. Kenney applied for additional compensation. By vote of the town the matter was referred to the Selectmen, with "discretionary power to pay him a reasonable compensation for building the road." The Board voted to allow the sum of $281, in addition to the amount of the original contract. The following amounts were paid to real estate owners on the street for grading the sidewalks against their estates:

To John Stout,	$15 00
Timothy Sullivan,	10 00
Wm. Ahlert,	3 00
Patrick Grady,	25 10
	$63 10
Kenney's original contract,	349 00
Additional compensation allowed,	281 00
Total cost of building street,	$693 10

SUMMER STREET.

This street has been completed at the contract price of $297. It was thought advisable by the Board to lengthen out the bridge at the junction of Main street, which was done at an expense of $19.54. The driveways of Messrs. J. H. Pope and G. A. Howard having been damaged by building the street, they were repaired at a cost of $7.55, making the whole expense of building the street:

Gowing & Sweetser's contract, . . .	$297 00
Lengthening out bridge, ...	19 54
Repairing driveways, ...	7 55
	$324 09

GREENWOOD STREET.

A survey of this street has been made, a plan drawn, submitted to and adopted by the town. We would recommend that bound stones be placed at the several angles of the street as soon as practicable.

WINN STREET.

This street is being built by Mr John. G. Morrill, and will be completed at an early day without expense to the town.

CLAIM OF THOMAS GAFFEY.

The sum of thirteen dollars was allowed and paid to Thomas Gaffey for damages to his well and fence by changing the grade of Bennett street.

CLAIM OF P. J. REAGAN.

This is a claim for damages on account of gravel taken below the grade established by the Road Commissioners in 1872, in laying out the gravel pit on Highland and Vernon streets. Unsettled.

WATER STREET BRIDGE.

This bridge has been enlarged and rebuilt throughout at an expense of $108.41.

CLAIM OF DAVID FLANDERS.

In accordance with a vote of the town the sum of seventy dollars was paid in full settlement of this claim.

CLAIM OF JAMES FRENCH.

This claim has been settled upon payment by the town of $292.94.

TOWN HALL BUILDING.

The lockup under this building having been found insufficient for the detention of prisoners, a contract was made with Mr. Wm. K. Perkins to brick up the archway leading to the main cellar, put on an iron door, and for grating the windows. The old boiler having become worthless, a new one was purchased of E. Hodge & Co., of East Boston. The expense of these and other repairs on the building has been as follows:

Wm. K. Perkins, on lockup, ...	$92 00
E. Hodge & Co., boiler, . . .	370 00
Wm. K. Perkins, setting " . . .	125 00
Descalzo & Boulger, piping for boiler, . .	46 20
Repairs on roof, ...	38 84
Painting outside wood work, ...	49 84
	$721 88

The old boiler was sold for $50, and that amount placed in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

FURNISHING YALE ENGINE CO.'S HALL.

The sum of $100 was appropriated by the town for this purpose, but the new Company having replevined and held the furniture taken from the hall, the appropriation has not been expended.

BIRD HOUSES.

A contract was made with George H. Teague by which one hundred houses were made and put up at an expense of $24. The amount appropriated by the town for this purpose was $30.

THE SMALL COMMON.

The matter of placing edgestones around this common was referred to the Selectmen by vote of the town, but no appropriation having been made for this purpose, nothing has been done.

THE DISPOSITION

of the small strip of land laying between Lake Avenue and the land of the Congregational Society, having been referred to the Board by vote of the town we would respectfully recommend that the Town Treasurer be authorized to deed to the Congregational Society the above mentioned strip of land at the same price per foot as was paid by the town for e land purchased from the Society.

TOWN HISTORIES.

Six hundred and nineteen copies of the town histories have been sold, and sixty-three copies remain on hand. $618 of the amount received has been paid to the Treasurer and five dollars remain in the hands of the Selectmen. Total amount received from sale of histories, $623.

R. L. MURKLAND,
JAMES OLIVER,
B. B. BURBANK,
Selectmen of Wakefield.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The valuation of the Real and Personal Estate, taxed in this town, May 1, 1876, is as follows:

Real Estate,	$3,208,025 00	
Personal Estate,	816,485 00	
Total valuation,		$4,024,510 00
Whole number of Polls,	1,422	
Total tax on Polls at $2.00 each,		$2,844 00
Rate of Taxation, $13.20 on $1000.		
Total amount assessed,		$55,862 32
Town Grant,	$49,537 20	
State Tax,	4,572 00	
County Tax,	1,595 52	
	$55,704 72	
Total tax, including tax upon Residents' Bank stock and Overlay,		$55,862 32
Whole number of Dwelling Houses taxed,		1,024
" " " Horses "		258
" " " Cows "		175
" " " Acres of Land "		3,915 3-4
Value of Real Estate and Machinery of Corporations,		$432,650 00
Value of Real Estate exempted by law from taxation,		$144,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) JAMES OLIVER,
DAVID PERKINS,
DAVID BATCHELDER,
Assessors of Wakefield.

Wakefield, March 10, 1877.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

We herewith submit our report of the Fire Department for the year ending March 8th, 1877.

All the apparatus is in good condition at the present time, and we have not added any to our hose, but have condemned two hundred feet. There is twenty-five hundred feet of hose in good condition. We will endorse the suggestion of the former Board of Engineers, to the necessity of providing in some manner for an increased water supply for fire purposes in that part of the town west of the Boston & Maine Railroad, also near the Franklin street school-house.

The losses of the past year are as follows :—May 19, 1876, a house belonging to W. W. Bessey, Wiley Place ; total loss, valued at $1800, insured for $1500. June 29, 1876, house on Wiley Hill, owned by John Kelley, valued at $450 ; total loss. June 22, 1876, Perkins' Block ; loss $15. Oct. 1, 1876, old lumber, Green street ; loss small. October 3, 1876, Boston & Maine depot ; loss $5. July 23, 1876, fire at Reading, the Department was out.

We take this opportunity to tender our thanks to the officers and members of the Fire Department, for the efficient manner in which they have performed all duties as firemen. To the Board of Selectmen, for their respect and courtesy shown the Board at all times.

In closing our report we also tender our thanks in behalf of the town for the efficient services rendered by the firemen of the C. Wakefield, No. 2. Gratuitous. Last but not least, the Fountain. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. WALTON,
CYRUS N. WHITE,
H. L. DAY,
} *Engineers of Wakefield.*

Wakefield, March 8, 1877.

POLICE REPORT.

Whole number of arrests for the year ending March 1st, 1877, was 83.

Arrested for drunkenness, . . .	21
" selling liquor, . . .	6
" assault, ...	25
" larceny, ...	14
" malicious mischief, . .	1
" vagrants, ...	3
" keeping dogs without license, .	3
" peddling " " .	2
" insanity, ...	3
" on capias, ...	3
	83

The police have furnished twenty-eight travelling paupers with lodging during the year.

DANIEL CAREY,

Chief of Police.

Wakefield, March 1, 1877.

REPORT OF APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, March 10th, 1876.

The Committee chosen by the Town at a meeting, February 21st, 1877, to prepare a list of Appropriations to be acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting to be holden on Monday, April 2d, 1877, have carefully attended to that duty, and would respectfully recommend the following appropriations, viz. :

For payment of Town Debt, ...	$6,000 00
payment of Interest on Town Debt, . .	9,000 00
Schools, ...	11,000 00
School Contingent Fund, ...	1,000 00
Beebe Town Library—the funds now in hands of Town Treasurer from dog tax, and	200 00
Poor Department, ...	4,000 00
Highways and Bridges, ...	3,000 00
Fire Department, ...	2,400 00
Town Officers' Salaries, ...	2,700 00
Street Lamps, ...	1,200 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, ...	3,500 00
Total, ...	$44,000 00

We would recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1st, 1877, be fixed at fifteen dollars and their poll tax. Also, that the Town instruct the Overseers of the Poor not to exceed the sum appropriated, unless actually necessary to prevent suffering among the poor of the Town.

We would also recommend that the compensation of Town

Officers for the ensuing year's services be fixed at the following sums, viz:

For Treasurer,	$50 00
Town Clerk,	100 00
Board of Selectmen,	450 00
Board of Assessors,	350 00
Board of Overseers of Poor,	150 00
Board of School Committee,	200 00
Board of Engineers,	75 00
Board of Auditors,	100 00
Tax Collector,	400 00

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES OLIVER.
T. E. BALCH.
M. S. SOUTHWORTH.
W. S. GREENOUGH.
EVERETT W. EATON.
FREEMAN EMMONS.
G. H. SWEETSER.
W. G. SKINNER.
LUCIUS BEEBE.
WM. F. YOUNG,
R. L. MURKLAND.
JOHN WINSHIP.
EVERETT HART.
JOHN G. MORRILL.
H. H. SAVAGE.
SILAS W. FLINT.
E. A. UPTON.
ABRAM GOULD.
JOSHUA PERHAM.
B. W. OLIVER.

Appropriation Committee.

FISH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We beg leave to submit the following report:

The attention of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries was first directed to the Saugus River in June of last year, by a petition from about one hundred of the people living in the vicinity of this river, asking that it be opened for the passage of Alewives and other fish. Their attention was again directed to it in September last by the Selectmen, who, at the town meeting held August thirtieth, were authorized, by vote of the town, to request them to open this river for the passage of migratory fish. But, previous to this meeting, the Commissioners had examined the river, and decided to open it, and had notified the owners of the dams to put in fishways. At present none of the fishways are completed, but some of the Mill Owners are having them constructed, and others have given assurance that they will have theirs built previous to the tenth of April next, when we expect that there will be an unobstructed passageway for fish from the sea to Lake Quannapowitt. As the expense of building these fishways falls upon the Mill Owners, it will be unjust to them if the town does not thoroughly re-stock the river and lake.

STOCKING THE RIVER.

We have done nothing toward re-stocking the river with Alewives, as we were appointed too late in the season to procure any of these fish. In December last we received from the Commissioners twelve thousand *California Salmon*, with which we stocked the river, and during the coming Spring we expect to receive as large if not a larger supply of *Shad* from them for this river; and during the months of April

and May the town should stock it with *Alewives*, and the town can well afford to, considering the immense return which the fish are sure to yield. As nearly every person in this town knows or has heard, tons and tons of these fish were taken from this river year after year, until some twenty years or more since, when they were all shut off from their spawning grounds in our ponds by the dams in Saugus. If, when this occurred, the people had been as sensitive to their rights as they now are, and not waited until the fish were killed out, much time, labor and expense would have been saved. The Commissioners in their report, speaking of this river, say, "the Saugus River though small is a fine one and capable of sustaining a large number of fish;" and Mr. E. A. Brackett, the Commissioner who examined the river, gave as his opinion "that if the river is thoroughly stocked with them, and they are allowed time to accumulate, that fifty to one hundred tons of them can be taken every year, and there will then be enough left to keep the supply good."

CLOSING THE RIVER.

In January last, acting under the advice of the Commissioners, we drew up a bill which prohibited taking these fish (Shad, Salmon and Alewives) until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-two. This bill was presented in the Legislature by Thomas Winship, Esq.; it has been passed by both the Senate and the House, and on February sixteenth was signed by the Governor, so that it is now a law. Annexed is a copy of the bill.

CONDITION OF THE RIVER.

We desire to call the attention of the town to the fact that this river, through the swamp in this town near the Lynnfield line, is nearly filled with vegetable and other accumulations of the past twenty or thirty years, and that it is difficult for fish to pass through this place, especially during the summer months when the water is low, while in the river at either side of this swamp there is sufficient water for their passage

the year through, and it is necessary that either the river through this swamp should be cleaned out, or that a ditch should be dug outside of the swamp suitable for the passage of fish.

LAKE QUANNAPOWITT.

Smith's Pond in this town is leased to private parties, and several other ponds in neighboring towns are also leased, and as a natural consequence Lake Quannapowitt is being fished to death. At the time we petitioned the Legislature for the act closing the river, it was suggested by several that we should include in that bill the Pickerel and Perch in this lake; but closing a river is different from closing a pond. Ponds are under the control of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries, who are ready at any time to give a lease of any pond to the town in which it is located, they requiring that the town receiving the lease shall within one year stock it with useful fish, (they specifying the kind and number,) and that after it is stocked, all fishing shall be prohibited therein for four years, so, if the town should take a lease of this pond, it could be easily arranged so that the *closed* time on both river and pond, would expire at the same time. If the town authorize us to take this lease the Commissioners have agreed to furnish us four or five thousand land locked or fresh water Salmon with which to stock it, free of expense. And in our opinion the town will sooner or later be obliged to take this lease in self defence, if for no other reason, as at the present rate of fishing in this pond, in two years there will be no fish left. And then again, if the town does not take this lease, the Commissioners may lease it to private parties.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR STOWELL,
C. P. POLAND,
THOS. GOULD,
} *Fish Committee.*

An Act for the protection of Shad, Salmon and Alewives in Lake Quannapowitt and Saugus River:

SECTION 1. No person shall fish with a net or seine in Lake Quannapowitt, or in Saugus River, or its tributary streams in the counties of Middlesex and Essex, other than the one running from "Flax Pond" in the "city of Lynn," nor in any manner take or catch any Shad, Salmon or Alewives in said waters until the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, under the penalty of fifty cents for each alewife, one dollar for each Shad, and ten dollars for each Salmon so taken. *Provided*, that the several "fish committees" of the towns of Wakefield and Saugus, or such person or persons as may be authorized by them, may take such fish as may be required to re-stock said river and its tributaries.

SEC. 2. The several "fish committees" of the towns of Wakefield and Saugus, or any member or members of said committees, may remove any and all nets, seines, weirs or other fishing apparatus used in violation of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. Any person who shall place or cause to be placed in the waters of Lake Quannapowitt, or of the Saugus River or any of its tributaries, not herein exempt, or who shall cause to flow into said waters any substance whereby the fish therein may be destroyed or injured, or their passage hindered or obstructed, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 16, 1877.

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1876.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Harper, Walter B	Male	January 2	Harry and Sarah (Timmins)	Laborer.
2	Cutler, Augustus Leon	"	6	Nathaniel E. and Sarah A. (Cheney)	Merchant.
3	Birchstead, Susan W	Female	8	James F. and Sarah E. (Smith)	Shoemaker.
4	Wakefield, Annie Ruby	"	12	Cyrus and Annie P (Pierce)	Merchant.
5	Dillon, John F	Male	13	John and Kate Loyd	Laborer.
6	Atwell, Charles Arthur	"	16	William H Jr., and Harriet F. (Bayrd)	Clerk.
7	Farmer, Harry H	"	19	William and Jessie (Campbell)	Carriage-maker.
8	Prentiss, Henry S	"	24	Joshua H. and Annie (Robert-)	Pump-maker.
9	Hawkes, Walter W	"	25	Lyman B. and Alice N. (Taylor)	Shoemaker.
10	Callahan, Daniel	"	29	Daniel and Kate (Wallace)	Laborer.
11	Carson, George	"	February 5	Charles H. and Martha M. (Cavinah)	Laborer.
12	Stevens, Percy L	"	5	William H. and Emma (Gowing)	Salesman.
13	McMahan, Sarah A	Female	24	John and Mary (Hurley)	Laborer.
14	Kirby, Edward	Male	24	Thomas and Catherine (Lehey)	Engineer.
15	Swan, Addie F	Female	25	Charles F. and Emma L (Cook)	Machinist.
16	Cutter, Albert E	Male	25	Albert O. and Lizzie (Rand)	Moulder.
17	Bailey, Fred. A	"	27	Alpha N. and Mary Frances (Niles)	Salesman.
18	Madden, Maggie	Female	29	John and Margaret (Lyons)	Mason.
19	O'Leary, Mary	"	29	Daniel and Julia (Lyons)	Laborer.
20	Shannahan, Edward E	Male	March 3	Daniel E. and Elizabeth A. (Wallace)	Laborer.
21	Cady, Michael	"	4	Michael and Kate (Hennessy)	Laborer.
22	Moulton, Alice Mabel	Female	6	William J. and Elizabeth B. (Cowden)	Mason.
23	Eaton, Edward E	Male	6	Noah M. and Eliza R. (Walton)	Shoemaker.
24	Sliney, Timothy	"	8	Timothy and Mary (Ryan)	Laborer.
25	O'Connell, Patrick H	"	8	Peter and Mary (Horgan)	Laborer.
26	Gowing, Louis P	"	12	Samuel H. and Juliette (Ames)	Butcher.
27	Hicks, Rosa A	Female	13	Thomas and Annie (Connell)	Laborer.
28	McAllister, Edith A	"	30	David and Jane E. (Watterson)	Carpenter.
29	Hunt, Walter G	Male	16	Daniel W. and Annie A (Dobson)	Gate-tender.
30	Donahoe, Mary	Female	19	Martin and Maria (Grady)	Laborer.
31	Regan, Mary F	"	21	Timothy and Margaret (Gould)	Laborer.
32	Donahoe, Patrick F	Male	27	John and Hannah (Desmond)	Laborer.
33	Toomey, Johanna	Female	27	John and Sarah (Cullen)	Laborer.
34	Lane, Herbert	Male	31	John and Jane	Clerk.
35	Pettingill, Edith O	Female	April 1	Benjamin F. and Hattie A. (Fellows)	Engineer.
36	Cobb, Irving L	Male	4	Alonzo S. and Ida L. (Townley)	Tinsmith.
37	Keefe, Jane	Female	6	Patrick and Joanna (Desmond)	Laborer.
38	Hurley, Jane F	"	8	Michael and Ann (Noonan)	Laborer.

39	O'Connell, Michael	Male		9	Michael and Julia (Cotter)	Laborer.
40	Hearne, Lilian M	Female		10	John T. and Jennie W. (Wallace)	Chairmaker.
41	Murphy, Eliza J	Female		10	Daniel and Mary (Lyons)	Laborer.
42	Eaton, George E	Male		14	Edward W. and Ellen (Batchelder)	Depot-master.
43	Sullivan, Honora	Female		17	Jeremiah and Honora (Healey)	Laborer.
44	Murphy, Thomas J	Male		19	John J. and Maggie (Finn)	Laborer.
45	Worthen, Annie A	Female		20	Francis N and Alma (Moore)	Provision Dealer.
46	M'Leod, Gilbert D	Male		26	John G. and Ellen L. (Kimball	Mason.
47	Horgan, Patrick J	"		27	John and Mary (Buckley)	Laborer.
48	Doucette, Mary E	Female	May	6	John and Fannie (Muise)	Laborer.
49	Doucette, Jerome	Male		10	Dominick and Julia (Froton)	Laborer.
50	Davis, Carrie M	Female		22	Eleazer W and Angeline (Hale)	Salesman.
51	Butler, Charles	Male	June	4	Patrick and Annie (Connell)	Laborer.
52	Kelleher, Jeremiah	"		7	Timothy and Annie (Murphy)	Laborer.
53	McLane, Ernest W	"		8	John and Alice J. (Hurd)	Carpenter.
54	Quigley, John S	"		10	John and Letitia (Hodsden)	Boot maker.
55	Kennis-ton, Harry L	"		29	James W. and Nellie A. (Deshon)	Machinist.
56	Lang, Elizabeth E	Female		29	John and Jane (Stuart)	Moulder.
57	Ahlert, Timothy, twins	Male		30	William and Elizabeth (Dacey)	Weaver.
58	Ahlert, William, twins	"		30	William and Elizabeth (Dacey)	Weaver.
59	Stubbs, Alexander	"	July	2	Alexander and Lucy M. (Swicken)	Mariner.
60	Buchman, James F	"		6	Ellis and Sarah (Norton)	Basket-maker.
61	Stuart, Margaret G	Female		6	Alexander and Margaret (McKenny)	Ropemaker.
62	Teague, George Lawrence	Male		9	George H. and Henrietta F. (Whittemore)	Carpenter.
63	McManus, James E	"		10	John A. and Mary (Galligan)	Paper hanger.
64	Savage, Annie	Female		13	Jerome and Fannie (Moore)	Jeweler.
65	Sweetser, Luther W	Male		15	Alfred and Bertha E. (Pierson)	Barber.
66	Humphrey, Mary	Female		19	Michael and Hannah (Lyons)	Cordwainer.
67	Strong, Annie H	"		25	Edward T and Annie G. (Hervey)	Naval Officer.
68	Perkins, Harland	Male		26	Charles A and Rosa A. (Swain)	Carpenter.
69	Johnson, Catherine S	Female		26	James and Catherine (Stuart)	Rope-maker.
70	McMahan, Daniel C	Male		30	James and Hannah (McCarty)	Shoemaker.
71	O'Neil, Daniel J	"	August	4	William and Hannah (Hanlon)	Shoemaker.
72	Davis, Wilfred B	"		6	John and Martha A (Fairbanks)	Carpenter.
73	Speed, Lucy H	Female		7	John and Mary (Stanton)	Laborer.
74	Crawford, Hester	"		7	William B. and Nellie (Roberts)	Engineer.
75	Bennett, Hosea F	Male		9	Samuel and Jane (Froton)	Laborer.
76	Butler, Catherine	Female		9	Edward and Mary (Desmond)	Laborer.
77	Kelton, ——	Male		12	Robert S. and Ada E. (Ramsdell)	Photographer.
78	Chesley, Charles E	"		13	William W. and Martha A. (Andrews	Grocer.
79	Phipps, Stella A	Female		16	Warren N. and Lucy (Pratt)	Turner.
80	Smith, Mary C	"		24	Lawrence J. and Margaret (Stanton)	Laborer.
81	Ardell, Timothy J	Male		26	George and Hannah (McCauliff)	Laborer.
82	Parks, Bessie F	Female		26	Clarence A. and Helen S. (French)	Lawyer.
83	Kernan, Laura	"		28	Thomas and Anna (Hogan)	Moulder.
84	Edmands, Imogene E	"		29	Rodney and Josephine A. H. (Edwards)	Farmer.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1876 (Concluded).

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
85	Butler, Oscar G.	Male	Sept. 3	Aaron and Abbie A. (Taylor)	Trader.
86	Harrington, Honora	Female	4	Humphrey and Mary (Mahoney)	Laborer.
87	Emmett, Ada J.	"	9	Joseph and Clara (Wilde)	Steam-fitter.
88	Cullen, Michael	Male	12	John and Mary (Gibbons)	Laborer.
89	Mellen, Mary C.	Female	15	Andrew and Hattie (Neary)	Shoemaker.
90	Casey, Margaret	"	15	John and Rose (Neary)	Laborer.
91	Philbrick, Ethel D.	"	16	Alvin S. and Rose (Alley)	Laborer.
92	Barrett, William	Male	22	Richard and Margaret (Lyons)	Laborer.
93	Alden, Mary A.	Female	23	Edmund A. and Ida M. (Brown)	Laborer.
94	Shea, Grace T.	"	Oct. 6	William H. and Mary F. (Reardon)	Carpenter.
95	Casey, Matthew	Male	6	Peter and Mary (Connoy)	Laborer.
96	Wiley, Nellie M.	Female	6	Baxter I. and Lucy A. (Bates)	Farmer.
97	Richardson, Mabel Elsie	"	8	Charles F. and Margaret I. (Reardon)	Photographer.
98	Kelley, John F.	Male	8	Frank and Mary (Godvin)	Laborer.
99	Tuttle, Charles P.	"	12	Charles R. and Mary E. (Phelps)	Grocer.
100	Jones, Agnes	Female	13	William and Agnes (Nelson)	Laborer.
101	Jones, Elizabeth	"	13	William and Agnes (Nelson)	Laborer.
102	Blanchard, Laura E.	"	13	Samuel O. and Mary (Wheeler)	Agent.
103	Brownell, Clara E.	"	14	Alsted W. and Helen J. (Sawyer)	Printer.
104	De Roach, Annie E.	"	18	Henry and Kate (Barrett)	Laborer.
105	Spooner, Gertie E.	"	20	Cornelius and Harriet F. (Sharp)	Tailor.
106	Ritchie, Frederic W.	Male	20	Alfred A. and Katie (Ryan)	Moulder.
107	O'Connell, Mary E.	Female	28	Peter and Catherine (Buckley)	Laborer.
108	Preston, Julia	"	28	Joseph and Mary (McDonald)	Shoemaker.
109	Hawkes, Ellen L.	"	29	Albert and Abbie (McCarty)	Shoemaker.
110	Landrigan, Mary	"	Nov. 4	Patrick and Charlotte (Manning)	Laborer.
111	Rosson, Mabel D.	"	4	Charles P. and Emma (Robinson)	Laborer.
112	Worrell, William L.	Male	5	Robert and Elizabeth (English)	Brakeman.
113	Cosman, Walter J.	"	5	Frederick M. and Sarah A. (Stack)	Stove-mounter.
114	Towle, Mary	Female	8	George H. and Sarah D. (Hamblin)	Lawyer.
115	Collins, Mary E.	"	13	George A. and Mary H. (Somers)	Travelling Agent.
116	Currier, Roderic E.	Male	14	Horace P. and Mary E. (Scriggins)	Needle-maker.
117	Derby, Pamela	Female	16	Charles H. and Rosa L. (Brennan)	Farmer.
118	Connelly, Margaret	"	22	John and Margaret (Murphy)	Laborer.
119	Young, George E.	Male	25	Wesley and Sarah F. (Wellman)	Carpenter.
120	Flanders, Gertrude	Female	26	David and Fredonia (Cutter)	Stove-mounter.
121	Qualters, James J.	Male	Dec. 6	Michael and Bridget (Carr)	Laborer.
122	Doucette, Emma	Female	8	John S. and Maggie (Froton)	Laborer.

123	Dow, Bertha C.....	"	10....	N. Harland and Margaret (Campbell).....	Stone-mason.
124	Allen, Emma G.....	"	18....	William C and Emma J. (Brooks).....	Chair-maker.
125	Knight, Harvey D.....	Male.....	19....	Willis H. and Bertha (Haywood).....	Shoe-cutter.
126	Murphy, Emma	Female.....	20....	Daniel C. and Margaret (Lehey).....	Laborer.
127	Kenney, Isabella J.....	"	23....	Thomas and Sarah (Byers).....	Cabinet-maker.
128	Aube de Brachmont, Ovila	"	28....	Joseph and Appoline (Giroux).....	Cabinet-maker.

Births not Registered in 1875.

Name of Child.	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
Atherton, Grace May.....	Female.....	Feb. 27....	Arlon S. and Susan M. (Caldwell).....	Grocer.
Weeks, Otis.....	Male.....	April 8....	Isaiah S. P. and Sarah C. (Thayer)	Civil Engineer.
O'Leary, John	"	May 24....	Patrick and Julia (Donovan)	Weaver.
Blomberg, Oscar.....	"	Dec. 25....	Nils and Mary (Lilyenguist).....	Gardener.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1876.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Jan. 9	Sweetser, Alfred	23	Wakefield	Barber	Wakefield	John and Sarah	First	Rev. W. H. Ryder, Malden.
	Pearson, Bertha E.	23	Woburn		Woburn	John T. and Martha M.	"	
23	Murphy, George J.	23	Wakefield	Mason	England	Jeremiah J. and Catherine	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	O'Leary, Bridget	23	"		Ireland	Arthur and Julia	"	
27	Perkins, John	39	Minot, Me.	Farmer	Hebron, Me.	Josiah and Mary A.	First	Rev. James K. Ewer, Reading.
	Oliver, Caroline E.	35	Wakefield		Melrose	William and Sarah	"	
31	Mason, Willis S.	27	Wakefield	Clerk	Wakefield	Andrew A. and Sarah S.	Second	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
	Bryant, Laura A.	25	Melrose		Charlestown	Joseph S. and Elizabeth	First	
Feb. 23	Perham, Joshua	60	Wakefield	Farmer	Woodstock, Me.	Jotham and Lucy	Second	Rev. J. Torrey, Yarmouth, Me.
	Gooding, Sarah Wait.	39	Yarmo'th, Me.		Yarmouth, Me.	Samuel and Eliza	First	
Mar. 11	Butters, Edward	23	Lynn	Shoemaker	Wilmington	Ruel and Sarah Ann	First	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Maloney, Lizzie	22	Lynn		Lynn	Edward and Elizabeth	"	
27	Hanglin, John E.	29	Wakefield	Moulder	Cambridge	Jeremiah and Elizabeth	First	Rev. Michael O'Brien, Lowell.
	Dyson, Mary S.	24	Lowell				"	
24	Hicks, Thomas A.	28	Wakefield	Laborer	Augusta, Ga.	Noah and Renna	First	Rev. Benjamin Finney, Wakefield.
	Connell, Annie W.	22	"		London, Eng.	Michael and Catherine	"	
23	Holbrook, Benj. F.	48	Wakefield	Draughtsman.	Mercer, Me.	Benjamin and Charlotte	Second	Rev. Edward W. Pride, Boston.
	Partridge, Hattie M.	24	Boston		Boston	Sylvester E. and Sarah E.	First	
April 5	Fiske, William E.	25	Wakefield	Collector	Lyndeboro', [H. N.	Ebenezer and Elizabeth	First	Rev. Charles Anderson, North Woburn.
	Cutler, Phœbe C.	23	"		Burlington	Otis and Mary	"	
12	Jenkins, Charles W.	25	Wakefield	Provision Dealer	Stoneham	Wesley and Elizabeth	First	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
	Potter, Martha M.	24	"		Charlestown	Orrin C. and Julia B.	"	
13	Hanson, Frederic J.	24	Lynnfield	Teamster	Harrison, Me.	James H. and Catherine	First	Eben N. Walton, Justice of Peace, Salem.
	Whitman, Georgie	23	Wakefield		Reading	Jeremiah and Olive	"	

27	Stowell, Geo. Henry..	21	Wakefield	Salesman ...	Wakefield	Henry W. and Mary E.	First....	Rev. W. S. Hawkes,	
	Pratt, Nellie Gardner.	18	"		Appalachicola, Florida.	Frank G. and Kate G.....	"	Wakefield.	
16	Davis, Nathaniel C. ..	29	Wakefield	Marble	Biddeford, Me..	Nathaniel and Hannah C.....	First....	Rev. George W Perry,	
	Wright, Abbie W.....	32	"	Worker.	Danvers.....	Hiram and Lydia	Second..	Lawrence.	
19	Ross, J. Perrin.....	33	Wakefield	Clerk	Fairlee, Vt.....	William S. and Julia A.....	First....	Rev. Thos. H. Sheehan,	
	Trask, Annie M.....	30	Ipswich		Salem	Thomas and Eliza W.....	"	Boston.	
May 8	Maloney, John.....	29	Wakefield	Cane	Ireland	John and Mary.....	First....	James O'Doherty,	
	Healey, Maria.....	28	Haverhill.....	Worker.	"	Thomas and Ellen.....	"	Haverhill.	
31	Hawkes, Augustus A.	36	Wakefield	Shoe Manu-	Wakefield	Adam and Susan.....	First....	Rev. Calvin Damon,	
	Brooks, Cora G.....	28	"	facturer.	Newmarket, N. H.	Samuel C. and Mary H.....	"	Wakefield.	
June 6	Darling, David H.....	31	Wakefield	Salesman...	North Adams ..	Henry V. and Sarah S	Second..	Christopher S. Leffing-	
	Evans, Mary H.....	20	Boston		Boston.....	Charles H. and Catherine.....	First....	well, Gardner, Me.	
11	Kennedy, Michael....	25	Wakefield	Carpenter ..	Ireland	James and Hannah	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Barrett, Hannah	23	"		"	Edward and Julia.....	"	Wakefield.	
21	Downs, Patrick.....	30	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	Miles and Bridget.....	Second..	Rev. William Shennick,	
	Atkinson, Kate.....	25	"		"	John and Maria J.....	First....	Salem.	
22	Fairbanks, Lewis....	64	Wakefield	Painter	Burlington	Lewis and Jane.....	Second..	Rev. Quincy Whitney,	
	Sawtelle, Aurelia (Milliken)	43	"		Ellsworth, Me..	Jesse and Mercy T.....	Third...	Wakefield.	
July 5	Hopkins, Thomas....	25	Bristol, N. H..	Miner.....	Ireland	Michael and Mary	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Shaughnessy, Mary A.	22	Wakefield		Bath, Me.	Michael and Mary	"	Wakefield.	
8	Sullivan, James.....	50	Reading.....	Laborer	Ireland	James and Mary	Second..	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Brown, Alice.....	40	"		"	Michael and Kate	First....	Wakefield.	
23	Harrigan, Thomas ...	23	Danvers.....	Shoemaker .	Lowell	Michael and Hannah.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,	
	Gray, Harriet	20	Wakefield		Wakefield	Israel and Meribath.....	"	Wakefield.	
28	Freeman, Charles E..	25	No. Reading..	Cordwainer.	Wilmington	Joel and Lucy	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Abbott, Mary L.	20	" ..		Canada.....	Joseph and Alice A	"	Wakefield.	
27	Davis, Charles E.....	28	N. Y. City	Salesman...	Ashby.....	John W. and Sarah E	First....	Rev. W. H. Hatch,	
	Willis, Delia M.....	23	Wakefield		Wakefield	William H. and Abigail.....	"	Reading.	
29	Cullinan, John	32	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	Edward and Catherine.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Gibbons, Mary.....	24	"		"	Michael and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1876 (Concluded).

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Aug. 2	Day, Arthur B.	21	Reading	Carriage Painter.	Reading	Thomas C. and Elizabeth B.	First	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
	Beard, Nellie A.	20	"		"	Henry and Helen F.	"	
9	Newhall, Frank E	23	Wakefield	Canvasser..	Wakefield	William and Mary	First	Rev. R. M. Nott, Wakefield.
	Hale, Caroline O..	20	"		Wilmington	James and Mary	"	
9	Carter, John F.	21	Cleveland, O..	Machinist..	Stoneham	Samuel O. and Lucy A.	First	Rev. Charles Keyser. Wakefield.
	Wiley, Louisa A.	21	Stoneham		"	Caleb S. and Elizabeth J.	"	
25	Ritchie, Albert A.	22	Wakefield	Moulder....	Boston	Alfred A. and Katie	First	Rev. Wm. H. Willcox, Reading.
	West, Rosa L.	19	Lynnfield		Lynnfield	Thomas P. and Sarah R.	"	
Sept. 2	Linnell, Arthur P.	24	Wakefield	Chairmaker.	Carmel, Me.	Edward S. and Hannah C.	First	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Wiley, Ida M.	20	"		Wakefield	Elbridge A. and Julia A.	"	
21	Proctor, Daniel W.	26	Bridgeton, Me.	Attorney-at-Law.	Bridgeton, Me..		First	Rev. J. W. Brownville, Bridgeton, Me.
	Fletcher, Ida A. (Faulkner)	21	Wakefield		Salem, N. H.	Samuel S. and Lydia A.	Second..	
30	Smith, Frank W..	23	Wakefield	Salesman...	Wakefield	Porter and Emmeline	First	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
	Davis, Mary L.	20	"		"	Charles H. and Mary C.	"	
12	Chandler, H. A. B.	29	Augusta, Me..	Merchant...	New Sharon, Me.	Jason S. and Catherine B.	First...	Rev. R. M. Nott, Wakefield.
	Robbins, Mary A.	27	Wakefield		Wakefield	Dexter E. and Mary J.	"	
15	Sullivan, John	22	Wakefield	Painter.....	Lowell	John and Eliza	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Welch, Mary J.	20	"		Wakefield	Martin and Hannah	"	
20	Daniel, William	25	Wakefield	Machinist..	Scotland	James and Ellen	First	Rev. George Walker, Wakefield.
	Armour, Margaret	21	"		Providence, R.I.	William and Ann	"	
27	Miniken, John	37	Wakefield	Blacksmith.	England	William and Deborah	Second..	Rev. R. M. Nott, Wakefield.
	Fulton, Mary A.	25	"		"	Hugh and Margaret	First	
28	Fiske, Herbert A.	36	Boston	Clerk.....	Lyndeboro', [N. H.	Ebenezer and Elizabeth	First	Rev. Charles Anderson, North Woburn.
	Cutler, Sarah E,	27	Wakefield		Burlington, Ms.	Otis and Mary C.	"	

Oct. 12	Merrill, Albert J	28	Chester, N. H.	Shoe Manufacturer.	Derry, N. H.	George W. and Mary Ann	First	Rev. Horace Eaton,	
	Hawkes, Mary E.	27	" " [R. I.		Wakefield	H. G. Otis and Mary Ann	"	Wakefield.	
31	Johnson, John	22	Providence,	Laborer	Sweden	John and Hannah	First	Rev. John Peterson,	
	Fox, Rebecca M.	20	" "		Cape Breton	Alexander and Mary	"	Wakefield.	
Nov. 25	Pond, Frank	21	Wakefield	Lithographer.	Wakefield	Charles W. and Lydia A.	First	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,	
	Dager, Lizzie R.	17	"			Alfred A. and Sarah	"	Wakefield.	
8	Atherton, William S.	30	Wakefield	Grocer	Richmond, N.H.	Alvan and Mary A.	First	Rev. Geo. W. Mansfield,	
	Caldwell, S. Belle	29	Cambridge		West Newbury.	James and Hannah S.	"	Cambridge.	
16	Maloy, William	30	Wakefield	Teamster	Ireland	Thomas and Mary	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Finn, Hannah	21	"		"	Patrick and Ellen	"	Wakefield.	
20	Sweetser, Edward N.	28	Wakefield	Shoe cutter.	Wakefield	Asa N. and Eunice	First	Rev. S. W. Foljambe,	
	Wheelock, Eugenie	21	Malden		Alesford, N. S.	Dean W. and Cynthia	"	Malden.	
Dec. 24	Sweetser, A. Frank	25	Racine, Wis.	Bookkeeper.	Wakefield	Paul Hart and Louisa F.	First	Rev. Quincy Whitney,	
	Doe, Ada E	21	Wakefield		Melrose	Albert and Fedora	"	Wakefield.	
25	Anderson, James	40	Wakefield	Weaver	Scotland	Archibald and Janette	Second	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,	
	McDonald, Johanna	25	"		Nova Scotia	John and Johanna	First	Wakefield.	
26	Roach, James	22	Lawrence	Cigarmaker.	Rockland, Me.	Patrick and Kate	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Sullivan, Kate	23	Wakefield		Wakefield	Michael and Kate	"	Wakefield.	
27	Biggs, William	25	Wakefield	Rope-maker.	England	William and Eliza	First	Rev. George Walker,	
	Armour, Mary	23	"		"	William and Ann	"	Wakefield.	
31	Parker, George H	38	Reading	Organ-pipe Maker.	Boothby, Me.	Samuel and Harriet	First	Rev. John Peterson,	
	Knight, Rachel E.	28	Wakefield		Reading	Charles and Mary Ann	"	Wakefield.	

Deaths registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1876.

Date of Death.	*NAME OF DECEASED.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 1.	Richardson, S B. (Barnard)..	57	3	3	Widow ...		Boston	Jacob and Grace.....	Apoplexy.
1.	Candler, Cynthia (Avery)....	79	5		Widow ...		Brattleboro', Vt	Elisha and Sibil.....	Typhoid Fever.
7.	Ricker, Percy W.....		8	13			Wakefield	George and Hattie W....	Cerebral Meningitis.
16.	Hartshorne, Ebenezer.....	88			Married ..	Shoe-maker	Wakefield	James and Sarah.....	Old Age.
18.	Reardon, Patrick.....		3				Wakefield	Patrick and Mary.....	Convulsions.
21.	Maloney, Catherine.....	17	10		Single		Wakefield	Michael and Ann.....	Consumption.
27.	Turley, John.....	57			Single	Laborer	Ireland	Patrick and Mary.....	Pneumonia.
31.	Kelahar, Ellen M.....	7	3				Nova Scotia	Patrick and Bridget.....	Diphtheria.
Feb. 1.	Hawkes, Walter W.....			7			Wakefield	Lyman B. and Alice W..	Icterus.
3.	Woodward, Arvilla(Whitney)	53		4	Married ..		Chelsea, Vt.....	Isaac W. and Polly.....	Typhoid Dysentery.
3.	Batchelder, Lois R. (Eaton).	37			Married ..		Wakefield	Zenas and Loi-.....	Plegmatia Dolens.
10.	Peacock, Robert F.....	23	11	15	Single	Moulder.....	Milford, N. H....	Robert and Esther L.....	Pneumonia.
15.	Kelahar, Daniel.....	5	4				Wakefield	Patrick and Bridget.....	Diphtheria.
24.	Low, Charlotte E	14	6	2			Wakefield	Joseph K. and Rachel C.	Heart Disease.
17.	Dearborn, ——.....						Wakefield	Stanley B. and Alice R...	Still-born.
Mar. 18.	Greaney, Daniel.....		6				Wakefield	P. trick and Margaret....	Inflammation of the [Bowels.
21.	Hawkes, John P.....	60	6	23	Single	Laborer	Wakefield	Adam and Anne P.?.....	Cystitis.
24.	Bateman, Marietta.....	17	9	7.	Single		Salem	Thomas and Elizabeth...	Consumption.
April 7.	Rankins, Daniel.....	74			Widower.	Shoe-maker	Littleton, N. H..	Unknown.....	Epileptic Convulsions.
13.	Ryan, John.....	22			Single	Basket-maker ..	Wakefield	James and Mary.....	Consumption.
13.	Cunningham, Renny F.....		4				Wakefield	John F. and Belle A.....	Phthisis.
15.	Smith, Henry D.....	53	10		Married ..	Merchant.....	Wakefield	Noah and Mary W.....	Heart Disease.
17.	Emerson, Sarah (Vinton).....	83	10	11	Widow ...		Wakefield	John and Mary.....	Old Age.
19.	Hanson, Grace Isabel.....	5	2	17			West Medford..	Anthony J. and Annie L.	Scarlet Fever.
22.	Somers, Raymond H.....	1		26			New Haven, Ct.	Frank D. and Hattie P...	Membraneous Croup.
28.	Tucker, James P.....	43		12	Widower.	Druggist	Newton, N. H...	Johnson and Abigail P..	Bright's Disease.
25.	Foley, Catherine (Durand)..	45	4	7	Married ..		Ireland	Michael and Mary.....	Strangulated Hernia.
28.	Nichols, Calvin	68			Married ..	Machinist	Reading	James and Lydia.....	Disease of Kidneys.
30.	O'Leary, Mary.....		2				Wakefield.....	Daniel and Julia.....	Congestion of Lungs.
May 6.	Whiting, George	74	8	9	Married ..	Farmer	Lincoln	Hosea and Relief.....	Capillary Bronchitis.
22.	Norcross, Olive C.(Spaulding)	56	1	4	Widow ...		Wakefield	Thaddeus and Sarah H..	Cirrhosis of Liver.
22.	McKay, John.....	75	5	6	Widower.	Carpenter.....	Ireland	Patrick and Mary.....	Chronic Bronchitis.
24.	Pope, ——.....						Wakefield	H. Warren and Hattie E.	Premature Birth.
25.	Wright, Henry F.....	25	8	14	Single	Mach'e Operator	Danvers.....	Hiram and Lydia.....	Consumption.
June 2.	Walton, Sally.....	94	4	7	Widow ...		Lynn	Nathan and Mary.....	Old Age.
2.	McMahan, Sarah A.....		3	7			Wakefield	John and Mary.....	Lung Fever.
3.	Wiley, Maria Louisa (Pope).	47	10		Married ..		Wakefield	John H. and Harriet H..	Apoplexy.
5.	Bachellor, William.....	74	3	4	Widower.	Flagman	Haverhill.....	William and —.....	Ossification of the [Heart.
5.	Churchill, Mary F. (Ricker)..	32	8		Married ..		Boston	William and Frances....	Insanity.
6.	Dowling, John.....	42			Married ..	Shoe-maker	Ireland	Patrick and Elizabeth...	Hemorrhage of the [Stomach.

	17,	Evans, Frank H	8	8	25			Wakefield	Montello C. and Susie O.	Drowning.	
	23,	Townley, Maud						Wakefield	Calvin E. and Eila E.	Still-born.	
	25,	Pettingill, Edith O		2	25			Boxford	Benjamin F. and Hattie A.	Bronchitis.	
	29,	Wiley, Jerusha (Cowdrey)	93	2	3	Widow		Wakefield	Nathaniel and Jerusha	Old Age.	
July	3,	Stubbs, Alexander			1			Wakefield	Alexander A and Lucy M.	Premature Birth.	
	4,	Brennan, James	15					Cambridge	Dennis and Mary	Accidental Drowning.	
	11,	McCarty, Ellen (Leary)	29			Married		Ireland	Jeremiah and Julia	Child Bed.	
	11,	Hervey, Ann G. (Greenough)	63	11	18	Widow		Chester, N. H.	Smith and Sarah G.	Paralysis.	
	13,	O'Hare Margaret (Corcoran)	27			Married		Ireland	—— and Mary	Consumption.	
	25,	Jones, J. Wesley	11	9				Charlestown	William B. and Julia M.	Caries of the Spine.	
Aug.	6,	Birchstead, Susan W		6	29			Wakefield	James F. and Sarah E.	Cholera Infantum.	
	13,	Keiton ——			15 h			Wakefield	Robert S. and Ada E.	Premature Birth.	
	15,	Bancroft, Joseph W	51	9	6	Married		Lynnfield	Charles and Eliza	Softening of the Brain.	
	19,	Merrill, Willie A	2	10	22			Cambridgeport	Charles S. and Abbie C.	Convulsions.	
	30,	Eaton, Sally (Eaton)	82	8		Married		Woburn	Joseph and Rahama	Dysentery.	
	31,	Haggerty, John	21	3	21	Single	Moulder	Boston	Daniel and Margaret	Consumption.	
Sept.	1,	Mcallister, Lizzie E	13	9	5			Waitsfield, Vt.	Alexander and Elizabeth	Malignant Pustule.	
	8,	Hurley, Jennie F		5				Wakefield	Michael and Ann	Inflammation of Lungs.	
	9,	Mair, Agnes	66	5	22	Single		Boston	Peter and Mary	Dropsy.	
	10,	Cutter, Albert Edward		6	15			Wakefield	Albert O. and Lizzie S.	Enteritis.	
	16,	Ahlert, William		2	11			Wakefield	William and Elizabeth	Acute Bronchitis.	
	11,	Ahlert, Timothy		2	22			Wakefield	William and Elizabeth	" "	
	22,	Reed, Lillian May		11	28			Wakefield	Washington and Lizzie	Canker.	
	23,	Callahan, Ellen (Lyons)	63			Widow		Ireland	William and Hannah	Dropsy.	
	23,	Emmons, Dimon T	66		8	Married	Farmer	Lyman, Me.	Samuel and Mary	Apoplexy.	
	26,	Parks, William E	15	5	28			Woburn	Peter and Sarah E.	Typhoid Fever.	
	27,	Hayes, Joseph						Wakefield	John and Mary	Still-born.	
	30,	West, Edward	71	8	12	Single	Merchant	Montpelier, Vt.	Edward and Anna	Enlargement of Liver.	
Oct.	16,	Jones, L. H. (Hanscomb)	35	6	6	Married		Norway, Me.	Moses and Mary H.	Consumption.	
	20,	Coombs, Martha K	61	8	3	Married		Damariscta, Me.	Nathaniel L.	Pneumonia.	
	24,	Newcomb, Frederick	27	9	25	Single	Book-keeper	Beverley	Hiram and Elizabeth S.	Typhoid Fever.	
	25,	Brown, William	85	1	14	Widower	Farmer	Wakefield	Jeremiah and Lydia S.	Old Age.	
	27,	Bran-field: Maurice	18	8		Single	Iron-polisher	Wakefield	James and Margaret	Hemoptosis.	
	30,	Mason, Pamelia (Hawkes)	48	11	17	Married		Lynnfield	Adam and Dolly	Consumption.	
Nov.	12,	Mansir, Emma E. (Purington)	28	1	26	Married		Wakefield	John and Angeline	"	
	15,	Brown, Hannah J	18	5	27	Single		Wakefield	Patrick and Mary	"	
	22,	McCurdy, Convers L	67	6	5	Widower	Clergyman	Hallowell, Me.	James and Abigail	"	
	22,	Eaton, Joseph	81	10	12	Widower	Flagman	Reading	Joseph and Sally	Heart Disease.	
	22,	Eaton, Mary F. (Emerson)	28	1	1	Married		Reading	Eben and Sally	Insanity.	
	24,	Day, ——						Wakefield	Loring and Ann E.	Still-born.	
	30,	Hurley, Ann A. (Noonan)	35	8		Married		Kingston	John and Jane	Consumption.	
Dec.	2,	Whitehead, Eliza A. C	34	11	11	Single		Charlestown	George and Eliza	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	
	2,	Palmer, Hannah E	25	7	15	Single		Andover	Daniel W. and Phebe A.	Consumption.	
	8,	Blake, Catherine (Hogan)	82	8		Widow			Unknown	Old Age.	
	11,	Dowe, Oscar F	57	3		Widower	Depot master	Fred'ksburg, Va.	Josiah and Mary R.	Railroad Accident.	
	13,	Stimpson, George W	82	9	7	Married	Cordwainer	Lynn	William and Sarah	Old Age.	

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1876,	128
Males,	62
Females,	66

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield,	10	8
Other towns in the United States,	54	45
British Provinces,	12	14
Ireland,	41	49
England,	6	9
Scotland,	3	3
Prussia,	2	0

Marriages registered in 1876,	50

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield,	9	9
Other towns in the United States,	28	26
British Provinces,	0	4
England,	3	3
Ireland,	7	7
Scotland,	2	0
Sweden,	1	0
Unknown,	0	1

	Grooms.	*Brides.*
Number under 20 years of age,	0	3
between 20 and 30,	34	41
between 30 and 40,	11	4
between 40 and 50,	2	2
between 50 and 60,	1	0
between 60 and 70,	2	0

Oldest Groom,	64	Oldest Bride,	43
Youngest "	21	Youngest "	17

First marriage of . 88 persons.
Second " . 11 "
Third " . 1 "

100 " 50 couples.

Deaths registered in 1876, ... 86

Males, . 44 Females, . 42

Average age, 35 years 5 months 19 days.

Number under 5 years of age,	18
between 5 and 10,	5
between 10 and 20,	9
between 20 and 30,	9
between 30 and 40,	6
between 40 and 50,	5
between 50 and 60,	7
between 60 and 70,	7
between 70 and 80,	6
between 80 and 90,	7
between 90 and 100,	2
still-born,	5

Nativity of persons deceased.

Born in Wakefield,	37
Other towns in the United States,	40
British Provinces,	1
Ireland,	7
Unknown,	1

Dogs licensed in 1876, ... 225

Males, . 208 Females . 17

Cash paid County Treasurer, ... $456 00

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The school year just concluded, has been a prosperous one. There have been few interruptions from the severity of the weather, or from sickness; and the work of the school room has been successfully prosecuted. Our schools, however, are not yet perfect; and while we take pleasure in their general progress, we may well consider their wants and defects, and as parents or citizens, lend our aid in making them effective and useful, to the full measure of their capability. The first topic to which we invite attention is

SINGING.

With a full conviction of the importance of Singing, as a branch of education that ought to be taught in our schools, we have, in different annual reports, heartily commended it to the town. While a majority of the people have coincided with us, and upon several years voted a sufficient supply of money to employ a teacher, others have not seen the wisdom of such an expenditure, and have been unwilling that public funds should be so employed. We think that there are some important views of the subject, which those who raise objections fail to take. It is the united testimony of those most conversant with the effects of musical instruction in the schools, that, among all the branches which influence, directly, the order and discipline of a school, there is none that can compare with singing. If the pulse of a school can be made to beat in unison and heartily, fifteen minutes twice a day, the teacher can easily govern the rest of the time. Discipline is thwarted not so much by designed and malicious

effort, as by thoughtless roughness, and a lack of appreciation of what is gentle and sympathetic. We may say that the main business of a school is to arouse and guide the intellect—and perhaps that is true; but a sharp intellect will not make a good character, if joined with coarse feelings; and while the intellect is being trained, it is not well to neglect the feelings. Do we not say that scholars must love their school, else they will not be benefited? But love is a feeling that grammar and arithmetic will not always touch. Indeed, many a scholar whom such studies would almost drive from school, is kept, and made happy, by an entirely different class of influences. Let any one who doubts the efficacy of singing in our schools, visit some of them when that exercise is in progress, and see the evident pleasure that some of the roughest boys take in that particular employment, and he would say that, as an antidote to their roughness, and as a means of attaching pupils to the school, singing cannot but be decidedly and greatly useful.

But a knowledge of the rudiments of music, in itself considered, is by no means of slight importance, and, when obtained in childhood, it is a means of good influence and enjoyment through life. True, schools are to acquaint pupils with practical matters; but what are practical matters? A boy learns how to extract the square root, but how many times do the majority of boys who learn that useful problem ever have occasion to employ it in life? Still, the knowledge of it is practical, and it is so because, in getting it, the boy gains discipline of mind that will lend him help, whether he stands behind a counter, handles a plane, or runs a railroad. The same is true with respect to everything that corrects his feelings, and takes the discordant things out of his character. It is practical, because it fits him better for his duties as a citizen and a man.

But some one says, "The expense is too great." How great is it? We propose to pay the teacher of singing $500. The whole amount of money paid in taxes last year in this town was $55,860. Calling it $50,000, the music teacher received one per cent. of it. He, then, received one cent

out of each dollar paid. Suppose a man paid a tax on a thousand dollars; his whole tax, including his poll tax, last year was $15.20; of that sum fifteen cents went to the teacher of singing. Suppose that man had four children in the schools; he then paid for each child, for forty lessons in singing, given by a skillful teacher, and for frequent practice through the year, the large sum of less than four cents. But many of our citizens pay only a poll tax. Such a man, taxed $2, paid to the music teacher last year, for each child, *two cents*. Not a very extravagant sum, especially when taken in connection with the fact that this instruction, if not given then, would, in many cases, be given later, at a vastly increased rate of expense. A singing school, to give precisely the same training, would cost say two dollars per quarter of twenty lessons. Comparing the results, we have two cents for forty lessons, against two dollars for twenty lessons, or two cents now, against four dollars then.

But it may be said that a portion of the scholars cannot learn to sing. The first answer to this objection is, that some scholars cannot learn arithmetic; but we do not, on that account, banish that study, nor release such scholars from the effort to learn something about the science of numbers. Every one who professes to be intelligent ought to know something about the principles of an art so common and useful as that of singing, whether he has a voice to make music or not. And the second reply is, that when singing is taught in the primary schools and each grade above, the number of those boys and girls who think they have no voice for singing is very much smaller than when it is not taught there. Lowell Mason says—"It is a well known fact that adults seldom acquire any sounds in a foreign language that are not in their own. But put a child in a foreign family, and he will soon get all their peculiar tones. He can learn by imitation, while his organs are flexible and pliant. This is true not only of the voice, but also of the ear. What is technically called a *musical* ear, is chiefly the result of education. Neglect the ear, and it becomes dull, and unable to discriminate. The musical talent is wanting in only a few. Most of those

who suppose themselves to be destitute of it, have only let the time in which the talent, small in itself, was capable of improvement, pass by, unimproved." Others confirm his opinion; and, probably, in nine cases out of ten, the absence of a musical ear and voice is not owing to any oversight of Nature, but to a neglect of her gifts.

Since, therefore, singing in our schools is greatly promotive of good discipline, and is in itself a most desirable acquisition, and can be enjoyed at a rate of expense to each taxpayer that is really very small indeed, the Committee feel confident that the town will agree with them in the opinion that it ought to be retained.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

In the last annual report, a detailed account was given of the action of the Committee upon a proposition that had been made, to build a school-house west of the Boston & Maine railroad. One of the chief reasons for agitating the subject at that time, was the crowded condition of the schools in the Centre Ward. The same reason continuing this year, the subject came again before us, and the whole matter—including the examination of sites, and inquiries as to the expense of such a building as would be required—was carefully considered. A measure of relief would be obtained by furnishing a room in the third story of the new High School building; but there were weighty objections against establishing a school in that room. The construction of the building is such that the stairway leading to the room is a long one, exposing to accident; and the entrance to the room is reached only through the lower halls and stairways used by the High School. It was feared that there would be more or less interference between the schools, and that the progress of both would be retarded. As, however, the erection of a new building would bring a burden of expense not easily to be borne at the present time; and as it was seen that such changes might be made in the means of access to the room as would avert danger, it was decided to postpone the rec-

ommendation to build, and provide quarters for one additional school, in the place in question. The town was asked for $1000, to prepare the room for occupancy. The sum of $700, was granted—a sum large enough to furnish the room, but not to make any changes in the stairways. Whether the committee would have deemed it best, on mature deliberation, to make the changes, if the means had been given them, is uncertain; but the withholding of the means released them from the necessity of considering the matter, as well as from responsibility in connection with it. Thus far, though there has been unavoidable interference, to some extent, between the schools, nothing has occurred to lead us to doubt that the right solution of the question was adopted. The room itself, after it is reached, is well adapted to school purposes, and there is satisfaction in knowing that the High School building is made useful to a greater extent than before, while the pressure upon the schools on the hill has been relieved.

It is quite probable, however, that the question of building a house west of the railroad will very soon present itself again. The inhabitants in that part of the town are becoming numerous, and a due regard to their convenience will require that, at no distant day, one be erected.

The Committee take pleasure in saying that the schoolhouses are now all in good condition, and will require but slight expenditures in the way of repairs during the coming year. All of them, save those in the Grammar School building, have been newly furnished within a few years, and they are both cheerful and convenient. The only exception to this remark exists, perhaps, in connection with the new High School building. It is feared that a due regard to the health of the pupils will demand that the closets, now in the basement, be removed to a building to be erected outside. If the experience of another summer shall repeat that of the last, it is possible that an appropriation will be asked, for the purpose here stated.

DISCIPLINE.

The importance of kind, firm and judicious discipline can-

not be over-rated. Like many important things, however, it is sometimes difficult of attainment. The theory which the Committee have long held, is expressed in this phrase—*Corporal punishment permitted, but not practised.* It involves no humiliation, to confess that we have rarely seen this theory crystalized into fact; yet we are happy to say that in some of our schools, resort to the rod is never indulged, while in others it is brought into requisition more frequently than is desirable.

In order to reduce corporal punishment to a minimum, it has been our practice to direct teachers to suspend, temporarily, disobedient pupils, and send them to the Committee, with the understanding that they cannot be admitted again without a note of permission from some member of the Board. There are several advantages in this method of settling difficulties. It removes vexing and exciting matters from the school-room; it often averts the necessity of using the rod; it enables the Committee to bring upon the pupil the pressure of another class of motives, and, sometimes, a higher class. Refractory scholars are apt to think that teachers are their natural enemies; and, therefore, they withstand appeals made by them to their better nature. The Committee do not stand in exactly that light to them; and it is believed that there are not a few instances in which not only a given difficulty was settled, but a favorable turn given to a boy's action, and even character.

But there are disadvantages in this method of maintaining school discipline. It consumes a good deal of time that the Committee can poorly spare; it tends to destroy the impression that the teacher is, for the time being, the ruler; and, therefore, blunts the point of school law. As in society at large, so in school-rooms, the brief words, "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not," have a place; and it is a matter of doubt whether the command, "Thou shalt," with the rod following in case of disobedience, is not better for the good of the child, than any efforts to patch up a truce, through the agency of the Committee. Much as we may denounce corporal punishment, it is not yet certain that we are more successful

in forming strong and self-reliant and sinewy characters, than were the school-masters of former times, with their tough birches and heavy ferules. Without question, the people, both young and old, have grown active, nervous and excitable; and methods used safely, formerly, could not be used so safely now. The attention and best exertions of both Committee and teachers should be used to discover and employ methods of discipline which will be effective, without being severe, and which, while they secure the good order of the school-room, shall help those scholars in whom the more faulty traits of character have an undue natural development. We allude to this subject here, for the purpose of explaining the manner in which the present practice of referring cases of discipline to the Committee, has arisen; and also to correct the misapprehension which exists in the minds of some, that, when a scholar is sent to the Committee, he is expelled from school. Teachers have the right to suspend, for the purpose specified, but not to expel.

We farther desire to call the attention of parents and guardians to the power they have, by judicious care over their children and wards, greatly to reduce the difficulties in maintaining good discipline in the schools. The most troublesome cases are those in which the pupils are sustained by the unthinking, often unconscious, countenance of their parents.

ATTENDANCE.

It needs no argument to show that the success of the scholar depends greatly upon his constant attendance. Pupils often think—and parents take too little pains to correct the mistake—that they can leave their places for a day, without detriment to their progress. This is a great error. Absence, even for a day, is sometimes felt by a scholar through the term; and the true secret of the loss of interest in their studies which pupils often show, is to be found in the diversion of their thoughts, which a single absence occasioned. The constant endeavors of the teachers, we are glad to believe, have lessened the evil, but it is still too great, and the

co-operation of the parents in still farther reducing it, is earnestly desired.

There is one cause of tardy attendance, recently grown into importance, which merits a distinct notice. Enterprise among the boys is an excellent trait, but the town has not heretofore suffered from the absence of newsboys; and the reading public would probably endure the deprivation, should it remain destitute of their services still longer. They would do it more willingly, if they knew that the schools are greatly disturbed by the tardy appearance of eight or ten of these youthful merchants, who, besides being late, are often tired, and totally unfit for their morning duties. If parents and news-dealers can aid in diminishing the evil, their aid is hereby earnestly invoked, else the Committee may feel impelled to direct the teachers to disregard the excuses which the aforesaid merchants bring.

The High, the Advanced Grammar, and the Grammar Schools, maintain a high percentage of attendance; and the Committee take pleasure in commending the care of the teachers, by which it is secured. The other schools encounter greater difficulties in reaching the same standard, and the efforts of the teachers to overcome these, entitle them to commendation, though their apparent success is less.

THE SCHOOLS.

There have been a larger number of changes in the corps of teachers than upon some years; but, though some loss has been suffered thereby, the schools, generally, have been carefully and successfully taught. One new school has been formed during the year. It is not necessary to speak with particularity of all the schools, but a few words regarding a portion of them may not be amiss.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

This has remained under the charge of Mr. M. J. Hill and Miss Eliza M. Greenwood. The year has been characterized by diligence, hard work, a good degree of harmony, and suc-

cess. Early last year the school gave a highly successful exhibition, for the purpose of replenishing their library. One hundred and twenty standard books—scientific, biographic, historic, including dictionaries and other books of reference—were added. A class of four graduated last year. The exercises of graduation were held in the Town Hall, June 29th. An Allegory, very skillfully represented by a large portion of the scholars, formed a part of the exercises. A large audience was present. The Chairman of the Committee presented diplomas to the class, consisting of

Dora Freeman,	Harvey W. Brown,
Nellie A. Miller,	Wilbur A. Rideout.

It is a matter of regret, that so small a number of scholars in the High School continue their studies to graduation. An examination of school reports of other towns shows that a similar evil exists elsewhere. For the evil, different persons would probably assign different reasons, and most of such reasons would, perhaps, be entitled to attention. Some have said that the instruction given in our High School is not sufficiently practical, and that scholars are removed to other schools to acquire special training for the employments they design to pursue. Such a reason, of course, presents no objection to the school, inasmuch as it is not possible for a school, standing upon the basis upon which all High Schools in towns like ours stand, to do a work of that character. The most that such schools can do is to furnish a general mental cultivation, which may serve as a groundwork for any species of particular training. A single glance will show that it is quite impossible that it should do more than this. If one parent should ask that the school should fit his son for commercial life, another might claim that it should give his, extended instruction in Music, or French, or Drawing, or some special branch of Mechanics. There is a certain groundwork of education, comprising a knowledge of the rudiments of the sciences, and a certain facility in mental operations, and a good acquaintance with the correct method of using lan-

guage, and an acquisition of a good style of penmanship, with other matters of a kindred nature, which every person ought to have before he enters upon any special training. The office of the High School is to complete this groundwork.

The duty of the Committee having charge of such a school, is to devise courses of study that shall best secure such ends. These courses of study are to meet the wants of a variety of minds, but they are to conduct all to the same result. They are to be adjusted so as to secure the largest amount of mental discipline, and knowledge of the rudiments of the sciences, and acquaintance with language, and acquisition of that which is of the nature of art—as Drawing, Penmanship, &c. In the effort to do this, we have designedly established courses of study which demand a great deal of hard work. And we require the teachers to exert all reasonable pressure upon the pupils to awaken their powers, and to induce within them habits of close and patient study. There are two prevalent ideas of the school-room. One is, that it is a place in which to learn how to work, and to do work; the other is, that it is a place to study and practise embellishments. The first idea we adopt; the last we discard. The views of committees, however, do not always meet the views of scholars; and, probably, the hard work required in the High School has lost to it the presence of some scholars. It is a question which parents should consider with much care, whether, if a pupil's health is firm, it would not be wise to keep him in school, even against his will. The want of harmony between teachers and scholars springs from various causes in all schools, but in some instances where it has arisen in this school, we are convinced that it came from the cause we have specified. There is another reason:

Mindful of the large expenditures of the town for the High School, and wishing to save expense, we have refrained from employing such a number of teachers as are essential, in our view, to its highest prosperity. The three courses of study which have taken the place of the one formerly used, have led to an increase in the number of studies. The num-

ber of teachers remaining the same, it is, of course, impossible that scholars should recite as often, or receive as much personal attention from the teachers, as they once could. Still, lessons must be learned, even without assistance, and without extended explanations at recitations; and the demand that pupils should learn what was blind and difficult, without a teacher's aid, has probably resulted in the discouragement and the withdrawal of some. There probably cannot be found in our vicinity, a High School as large as ours, having three courses of study as advanced as those in our school, in which but two teachers are employed. These facts are here stated as a matter of justice to the teachers. It is but right that the difficulties which they meet should be understood. With all these difficulties, however, the results of their labors—as the good order of the school, and the very creditable attainments of the graduates invariably illustrate them—are worthy of public recognition and commendation. It is quite certain that parents, by the refusal to allow the withdrawal of their sons and daughters from school, except for the most imperative reasons, can do much to promote its efficiency.

THE ADVANCED GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Under the instruction of Mrs. M. E. Wentworth, this school has performed its usual excellent service in fitting pupils for the High School. It receives scholars from all the higher schools in the outer Wards, and from the Grammar School, and gives them a thorough drill, extending through one and two years. Experience has shown the value of the instruction given, and proved the school to be a very important link in our educational chain.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL—NO. I.

This is one of our most useful schools, and, under the care of its successful teacher—Miss Abbie S. Perkins—has enjoyed a prosperous year. It became necessary to transfer it from the old High School building, to the upper room in

the new. The transfer was made at the beginning of the winter term, and the present quarters have been found spacious, well fitted to the purposes of a school, and—save in the matter of reaching and leaving them—very agreeable.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS—NOS. II AND III,

taught respectively by Miss Sara L. Thomas and Miss Annie M. Warren, have made good progress, and well attest the faithfulness and skill of their teachers. The first of these schools was under the charge of Miss Ella M. Pinkham—a teacher highly esteemed by us—who, at the opening of the year, resigned. Miss Thomas was advanced to fill the vacancy, and though she encountered difficulty at the outset, she overcame it, and has met with her usual success. Her promotion led to a series of changes which met the wishes of many, in the reduction of expense, without seriously impairing the efficiency of the schools.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

We have explained, in former reports, the plan pursued in this school; and reported the degree of success which might justly be claimed for it. We have never spoken of it as having passed beyond the experimental stage, nor do we now deem it to have done so. Fortunately, it involves no extra expense, and interrupts no system of instruction,—so that it may be continued or abolished, according as experience shall show either its utility or inutility. In some respects, it has vindicated its usefulness. Six of our schools are now in charge of teachers who, having graduated at the High School, enjoyed, in addition, the advantages of the Training School; and it is only fair to say that some of them have achieved very decided success, while as a whole, they are as successful as any equal number of recent graduates of the Normal School would probably be. There is, of course, a limit, beyond which it would not be wise to appoint teachers who had received no other training than that furnished

in a town like ours. The Trustees of colleges frequently judge it best to appoint professors educated at some other college than their own; for they see an advantage in availing themselves of kinds of training in use beyond their own limits. The same fact should have weight with us. Indeed, we have, during the year, put the same idea in practice. Deeming it desirable to introduce into our primary schools a method of teaching somewhat allied to that employed in the Kindergarten system, and knowing that the graduates of the Training School had not enjoyed the peculiar instruction necessary, we felt justified in neglecting their claims, though thinking well of their general qualifications, and going elsewhere for a teacher. Still, if we can raise up competent teachers from among ourselves, there are manifest reasons why we should do so, and give a portion of our posts of instruction to them. We have seen no disadvantages of the Training School, sufficient to demand its discontinuance, and know of no reason why it should not be still sustained, if there should be graduates of the High School desiring to enjoy its benefit. It has been, as heretofore, under the care of Miss Elenora Hutchinson, and during most of the year two young ladies have been connected with it, and a third has been associated with Miss M. J. Hersey, whose skill as a teacher by kindergarten methods led to her employment in the First Centre Primary School.

We forbear to speak of other schools, not because we lack the power to speak of most of them in terms of high commendation, but because we see no special reasons for doing so. They have been, as a whole, satisfactory in respect both to the order maintained, and the instruction imparted.

EXPENSES.

The reduction of appropriations for the support of the schools, made at the last annual meeting, led the Committee to fear that they would not be able to carry them through the year, without cutting down salaries to an extent that might be of serious detriment to the schools. They were, however,

agreeably disappointed. Until within a very few years, it has been held that the money from the State fund, amounting to between two and three hundred dollars, should pass directly into the hands of the School Committee. Three or four years ago, however, it was thought by the Selectmen that it should be paid into the Treasury of the town. The School Committee, though at the time doubting the correctness of the opinion, acquiesced in it. This year, the matter was brought up again, and, as the law is very clear upon the subject, the money in question, together with that for the previous year, was allowed to go into the hands of the Committee. This increased the amount of funds at our disposal. The resignation of two of our teachers, who were among those to whom the highest salaries were paid, enabled us to make various changes in promoting and transferring teachers, which resulted in the saving of more than seven hundred dollars. We deem it proper to make these statements, inasmuch as we gave it as our opinion, at the last annual meeting, that the sum voted would be insufficient. It would have been, but for the causes just specified. It should also be understood that, by the changes that have been made, expenses have been already reduced in the aggregate more than five per cent.

In regard to the coming year we have to say that, inasmuch as the depression in business continues, and reductions in salaries for all kinds of services are taking place, and therefore it could not be deemed a hardship should the salaries of our teachers be still further reduced, we have thought it best to ask for a sum that will involve an additional reduction of about ten per cent. in the aggregate.

We recommend for the support of schools the coming year the following sums:

For Regular Expenses, . . .	$11,000
" Incidental " . . .	1,000

The Committee, as composed at the commencement of the year, was soon changed, in respect to some of its members. The death of the lamented Henry D. Smith, Esq., and the resignation of Mr. Chaplin G. Tyler, led to the election by

the Selectmen and the Committee, of Mr. T. E. Balch and Rev. Charles Keyser, D. D. The ill health and absence from town of the last named member, accounts for the absence of his name from the Report, which is hereby

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. BLISS, *Chairman.*
LUCIUS BEEBE.
THEO. E. BALCH.
S. K. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*
GEO. W. ABORN.

NAMES OF TEACHERS, SALARY, AND DATE OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected.	Salaries.
High, ...	Melvin J. Hill, . .	Mar., 1869,	$1750 pr. yr.
"	Eliza M. Greenwood,	Jan., 1876,	600 "
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, .	Mar., 1871,	700 "
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, . .	Sept., 1873,	13 pr. w.
" " " 2,	Sara L. Thomas, . .	" 1872,	12 "
" " " 3,	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871,	12 "
Ctr. Interme'ate, 1,	Elenora Hutchinson,	Jan., 1858,	650 pr. yr.
" " 2,			
" " 3,	C. Eveline Sweetser, .	Mar., 1856,	11.50 w.
Centre Primary, 1,	Myra A. Stearns, . .	Sept., 1875,	10.00 "
" " 2,	Mary J. Hersey,	Dec., 1876,	10.00 "
West Interme'ate,	Sophie F. Hamblin, .	Nov., 1868,	11.50 "
" Primary,	L. J. Mansfield, . .	Sept., 1871,	10.50 "
Franklin St. Int.,	Susie D. Turnbull, .	June, 1876,	10.00 "
" Primary	Emma L. Upham, .	Sept., 1874,	10.00 "
North Ward, .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862,	11.50 "
East Ward, . .	Annie R. Killorin, .	Sept., 1873,	10.50 "
Woodville, . .	A. M. Wiley, . . .	Nov., 1875,	10.00 "
Greenwood, . .	Frannie L. Hartshorne,	Sept., 1874,	10.50 "

Number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1876, 1053.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	57.8	57.5	99.6	50
Advanced Grammar,	50	47	94.5	14
Central Grammar, No. 1,	53	49	93	3
" " No. 2,	55	49	88	4
" " No. 3,	53	47	89	
" Intermediate, No. 1,	57	50	88	
" " No. 2,	58	54	86	
" " No. 3,	37	33	88.1	
" Primary, No. 1,	53	41	86	
" " No. 2,	53	44.5	83.2	
West Intermediate,	42	33	82	3
" Primary,	53	39.9	75	
Franklin Street Intermediate,	50	43.8	83	
" " Primary,	58	48	82.4	
North Ward,	42	43.2	84	
East Ward,	64	52.9	82	2
Woodville,	36	28	81	2
Greenwood,	45	37	79.3	

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Education is a necessity of our being. Every one will have it of some kind, and in some degree. Where there is intellect it must enlarge, though not necessarily for good, for one may learn to lie, cheat and steal, without the knowledge derived from schools; he may be an expert in the arts that make accomplished rogues, without the aid of books. Since, then, the faculties of the mind must be developed and expanded, provisions are made through the system of free schools, to furnish, for all the youth of our land, a degree of instruction, at least of an intellectual nature. But, mere school knowledge is usually inadequate to fit them for all the duties to be met with in life's diversified journey. They need a wide and varied experience, which is provided for them in part, in the lives and writings of others, carefully prepared and placed upon the shelves of the Public Library. Intercourse with good authors adds lustre to the polish of schools. It opens new fields for thought and investigation, and allures to greater researches and higher attainments in knowledge.

But there are those in every community, whose early surroundings were less favorable for culture, or if the opportunities were presented, they were not improved. As time brings them in contact with the world, and as their judgment begins to mature, a feeling of need is experienced; a desire to compensate in part, for the past, by laying hold of the opportunities of the present. Nor are they without encouragement. Their efforts are aided by a collection of books which

contain every variety of help. In some branches of science they cannot obtain exact knowledge without the aid of the living teacher, but the taste may be improved, and an easy and correct style of conversation be acquired.

A careful reader of ordinary taste not only allows his feelings to be wrought upon while perusing a touching story, but he admires the language with which the thoughts in the narration are clothed, and in giving expression to his own thoughts, we may expect that he will employ an improved style of speech. In conversation we naturally make use of expressions with which we are most familiar, whether they be low and sordid, or pure and elevating; so that students who spend their leisure with good authors, not only imbibe their sentiments, but their manner of holding and expressing them. In this way some are enabled to engage in intelligent conversation, with grammatical precision. Though they never have spent an hour in the study of English Grammar, they will converse more in accordance with grammatical rules, than others who have taken all the courses in the Common Schools, High School and College.

The Library then is an educator, to whose instructions all have free access. Those who are wise and read for improvement and advancement in knowledge, will select and peruse such works as will yield the greatest amount of profit and increase their capacity for usefulness and happiness.

We may hope that many of the readers of the Beebe Library will thus improve their golden opportunities, and become wiser and better for the privileges which the town has so liberally furnished.

Acting under the authority given by a vote of the town at the last annual meeting, the Trustees have exchanged 27 copies of the Town History with other Institutions and Municipalities.

Near the commencement of the present financial year, one of our number, Henry D. Smith, Esq., was suddenly removed from us by death. His familiarity with books, and his connection with book-publishers, made him a valuable member of the Board. His sympathy with the educational in-

terests of the town has been long apparent, as gifts to the Public Schools and other liberal acts bear ample testimony.

The special work of the Library during the year may be seen by consulting the Report of the Librarian.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*
C. W. EATON, *Treasurer.*
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary.*
HARRIET N. FLINT.
ELIZA A. WAKEFIELD.
EDWARD MANSFIELD.
THOMAS WINSHIP.
S. O. RICHARDSON.
F. P. HURD.
GEORGE L. KILGORE.
JOHN M. CATE.
AZEL AMES, JR.

Wakefield, March 17, 1877. *Trustees.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

CR.

By Balance from last year,	$12 91	
Town Appropriation,	200 00	
Dog Taxes, refunded Town by County,	453 90	
Interest on Flint Fund,	70 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund,	27 80	
Sale of Catalogues, and fines received,	33 25	
Sale of old papers and books,	2 00	
Cash for book lost,	1 25	
		$801 11

DR.

To cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian,	$275 00	
for new books,	377 81	
repairs of books,	96 25	
covering paper,	19 13	
labels and circulars,	7 00	
express charges,	6 20	
postage stamps,	3 50	
postage and express charges, in exchange of Town Histories,	4 88	
frame for engraving,	4 00	
sundries at Library,	7 34	
		$801 11

CHESTER W. EATON, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

LIBRABIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,	5,929
Added by purchase within the year,	328
Added by donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,	72
Miss Sarah H. Norcross,	29
Mr. William Hutchinson,	2
Mr. Samuel Raymond of Andover,	1
Mrs. C. E. McKay,	1
Miss Elizabeth Walton,	1
Mr. James F. Emerson,	1
Hon. D. W. Gooch,	3
U. S. Government,	2
Bureau of Education,	1
State of Massachusetts,	7
Exchanged for Town Histories of Reading,	31
Persons having signed the By-Laws in 1876-77,	88
No. of Accts. on which Books have been charged,	710
Number of Books re-bound in 1876-77,	277
Number of Books discarded as worn out,	29
Whole number of Books delivered,	30,852
Increase since last year,	2,782
Increase beyond any previous year,	1,221
Greatest number to one account,	224
Average number delivered each day,	263
Average number delivered each hour,	53

VICTORINE E. MARSH, *Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SINCE LAST REPORT.

A.

5236	Abroad, or Lilian's New School,	Mrs. Helen E. Brown.
4986	Achsah, a New England Life Study,	Rev. Peter Pennot.
5053	Adam Grainger,	Mrs. Henry Wood.
5104	Adventures of Capt. Mago,	Leon Cahun.
5173	Adventures of Tom Sawyer,	Mark Twain.
4938	A Family Secret,	Fanny Andrews.
4962	Age of Elizabeth,	Mandell Creighton.
5223	A Good Investment,	William Flagg.
4926	Alice Grant,	Mrs. E. J. Richmond.
5037	A Living Faith,	George S. Merriam.
4999	America discovered by the Welsh in 1170,	Rev. B. F. Bowen.
5152	American Pictures drawn with Pen and Pencil,	Rev. S. Manning.
5271	Amherst, N. H., Anniversary Exercises, Jan. 18-19, 1874.	
5066	Among Machines, A Book for Boys.	
4925	A More Excellent Way.	M. E. Winslow.
5203	An Alphabet in Finance,	Graham McAdam.
4951	An Egg Farm,	H. H. Stoddard.
4991	A New Godiva,	Stanley Hope.
4957	Ancient Regime,	H. Taine.
5078	Animal Life throughout the Globe.	
5222	Annie Warwick,	Georgianna M. Craik.
5237	Annals of a Baby.	
4940	An Odd Couple,	Mrs. Oliphant.
5046	Antiquities of Israel,	Heinrich Ewald.
5158	A Point of Honor,	Mrs. Annie Edwards.
4982	Arabs and the Turks,	Edson L. Clark.
5197	As Long as She Lived,	F. W. Robinson.
5050	At the Councillors,	From the German of E. Marlitt.
4978	Automaton Ear and Other Stories.	Florence McLandburgh.

B.

5206	Backsheesh, or Life and Adventures in the Orient,	Thos. W. Knox.
5168	Barton Experiment,	John Habberton.
5011	Ben Milner's Wooing,	Holme Lee.
5029	Bernard Lile,	Jeremiah Clemens.

5112	Bits of Talk for Young Folks,	Helen Hunt.
4032	Blind Girl of Wittenberg,	Translated from the German.
5153	Blue Rays, &c.,	Gen. Pleasanton.
5065	Boys of Other Countries,	Bayard Taylor.
5106	Boy Emigrants,	Noah Brooks.
5108	Boys and Girls of the Revolution,	Charles H. Woodman.
5114	Boys of '76,	Charles C. Coffin.
5242	Bulgarian Horrors and Other Papers,	W. E. Gladstone, M. P.
5293	Burke's Works, Bohn's Edition with Life.	9 Vols.

C.

5107	Californians,	Walter M. Fisher.
5096	California, Two Years in	Mary Cone.
5064	Captain Sam,	G. C. Eggleston.
5136	"Carrots." Just a little Boy,	Ennis Graham.
4936	Carter Quarterman,	William M. Baker.
5298	Casimer Maremma,	Arthur Helps.
4955	Centennial History of the U. S.,	J. D. McCabe.
4987	" Commissioners in Europe,	J. W. Forney.
5302	" Exhibition, Description and History,	Ewd. C. Bruce.
5189	Century of Discovery,	From the German of Vogel.
5224	Central Africa,	Col. C. Chaille Long.
5291	Census of Mass. 1875—Vol 1st.	
5082	Clare Avery,	E. S. Holt.
5060	Cooking Club of Tu-Whit Hollow,	Ella Farman.
5027	Comic History of the U. S.,	Livingston Hopkins.
5030	Comin' thro' the Rye,	Helen B. Mathers.
5297	Companions of my Solitude,	Arthur Helps.
5216	Convicts and their Children,	Berthold Auerbach.
5217	Courtship in 1720 and in 1860,	Hawley Smart.
4974	Crew of the Dolphin,	Hesba Stretton.
5187	Cripps the Carrier,	R. D. Blackmore.
5301	Cross and Self-Fertilization in the Animal Kingdom,	Darwin.
5219	Curate in Charge,	Mrs. Oliphant.
5008	Curious Stories.	
5305	Cyrilla,	Baroness Tautphoeus.

D.

5035	Daisy Travers,	Adelaide F. Samuels.
5055	Daniel Deronda, 2 Vols.	George Eliot.
5228	Danger, or Wounded in the House of a Friend,	T. S. Arthur.
5044	Darwiniana,	Asa Gray.
4928	Davault's Mills,	Charles Henry Jones.

4933	David, the King,	Rev. Charles E. Knox.
5092	Deirdre,	Vol. 2d, of No Name Series.
4931	Diseases of Modern Life,	Benjamin W. Richardson.
5132	Doctor's Family,	French of J. Girardin.
5018	Dolliver Romance,	Nathaniel Hawthorne.
5265	Dorchester, History of	
5115	Dottings Round the Circle,	Benjamin R. Curtis.
5220	Duchess of Rosemary Lane,	B. L. Farjeon.
5036	Dwellers in Five Sisters Court,	H. E. Scudder.

E.

5257	Eastern Church, History of	Arthur P. Stanley.
5260	East Boston, History of	William H. Sumner.
5041	Echo Club,	Bayard Taylor.
4993	Edith Lyle,	Mrs. M. J. Holmes.
5103	Edina,	Mrs. Henry Wood.
5198	Ellen Story,	Edgar Fawcett.
5084	Elsie's Motherhood,	M. F. Farquharson.
5163	Erratic Essays,	Charles J. Dunphie.
4952	Ersilia,	Frances E. Poynter.
5287	Essex Institute Historical Collections,	Vol. 13.
5296	Essays,	Arthur Helps.
5081	Every Day Topics,	J. G. Holland.

F.

5125	Fairy Guardians,	F. Willoughby.
4997	Fall of the Stuarts,	Rev. E. Hale.
5009	Familiar Talks to Boys,	Rev. John Hall.
5019	Fanshawe,	Nathaniel Hawthorne.
5154	Farm Yard Club of Jotham,	Dr. George B. Loring.
5254	Ferne Fleming,	Mrs. C. A. Warfield.
4961	Fermentation,	P. Schutzenberger.
5047	Fifty Years of my Life,	Earl of Albemarle.
5256	" " with the Sabbath Schools,	Rev. Asa Bullard.
5178	First Steps in Eng. Literature,	Arthur Gilman.
5043	Five Senses of Man,	Julius Bernstein.
4950	Floral Decorations for the Dwelling House,	Annie Hazzard.
5280	Flushing, Past and Present,	Rev. Henry Mandeville.
4971	Flying Mail and Other Stories,	Norwegian Translation.
5159	Footsteps of the Master,	H. B. Stowe.
4996	Fortunes of Miss Follen,	Mrs. Goodwin-Talcott.
4994	Forty Years of Mission Work,	Rev. A. W. Murray.
5016	For Summer Afternoons—Stories,	Susan Coolidge.
5181	Frank in the Forecastle,	Harry Castlemon.

5194 Frau Domina, German of Claire von Glumer.
5160 Fridthjof's Saga, Swedish of Tegner.
5235 Friend Fritz, Erckmann Chatrian.
5299 Friends in Council, 2 Vols. Arthur Helps.
5098 From Cadet to Colonel, Maj. Gen. Sir Thomas Seaton.
5207 " the Lakes of Killarney to the Golden Horn, H. M. Field.

G.

5239 Gates of the East, Henry C. Potter.
5261 Gazetteer of Massachusetts, Rev. Elias Mason.
5161 German Home Life.
4988 " Political Leaders, Herbert Tuttle.
5052 Giannetto, Lady Margaret Majendie.
5121 Gold of Chickaree, Sequel to Wych Hazel. S. and A. Warner.
5255 Golden Dog, a Legend of Quebec, William Kirby.
5284 Gould Family Records, Benj. Apthrope Gould.
5245 Great Match and Other Matches, No Name Series. Vol. 5.
5249 Great Conflict, George C. Lorimer.

H.

4941 Habitations of Man, Eugene Viollet-Le-Duc.
5007 Hand of Ethelberta, Thomas Hardy.
5073 Helen's Babies, 2 copies, John Habberton.
5045 Hidden Perils, Mary Cecil Hay.
5266 Hingham in the Civil War, Prepared by Fearing Burr and Geo. Lincoln.
4956 Historical Fields and Mansions of Middlesex, S. A. Drake.
5277 " Discourses in New Haven, by Rev. Leonard Bacon.
5191 His Young Wife, Julie P. Smith.
5069 History and Conquests of the Saracens, E. A. Freeman.
5283 Holt Family Genealogy in the U. S., Daniel S. Durrie.
5067 Home at Greylock, Mrs. E. Prentiss.
4947 Hopes of the Human Race, Frances Power Cobbe.
4965 How Libby Won the Victory, C. J. G.
5137 Hours at Home, 6 Vols.
5176 Hospital Sketches, Louisa M. Alcott.
4019 Harper's Magazine, 3 Vols.

I.

5038 Ida Craven, H. M. Cadell.
5294 Imaginary Conversations, 4 Vols. W. S. Lander.
5086 Impressions and Reminiscences, George Sand.

5253 Industrial Science, David Syme.
4976 In India, Mrs. Murray Mitchell.
5155 In the Sky Garden, Lizzie W. Champney.
5209 In the Levant, Charles Dudley Warner.
5167 Is That All? No Name Series. Vol. 3d.
5039 Is "Eternal" Punishment Endless? Anon.
5002 Israel Putnam, Life of. Increase N. Tarbox.

J.

5166 Jan of the Windmill, Juliana Horatia Ewing.
5205 Jericho Road, A Story of Western Life, Anon
5226 Jesus, a Sacred Poem, Albert Welles.
5228 Jewish Church, History of. Arthur P. Stanley.

K.

5300 Kingsley's Life and Letters, Edited by his Wife.
4959 King and Commonwealth, R. M. Cordery and J. S. Philpotts.
5196 Kismet, No Name Series. Vol. 4th.

L.

4981 Ladies' Fancy Work, Mrs. C. S. Jones and H. T. Williams.
5040 Lady Silverdale's Sweetheart, William Black.
5004 "Land of the Sky," Christian Reid.
5232 Land and the Life, Albert Zabriskie Gray.
5304 Land and Game Birds of New England, H. D. Minot.
5151 Last Leaf from Sunny Side, E. S. Phelps.
5057 Laurel Bush, Mrs. Craik.
5150 Lectures, George W. Burnap.
5202 Lessons of Faith and Life, E. H. Chapin.
4983 Life in the Clearings vs. the Bush, Mrs. Moodie.
5225 Life in South Africa, Lady Barker.
4970 Life's Aftermath, Emma Marshall.
5033 Life's Promise to Pay, Clara L. Conway.
5105 Little Folks in Feathers and Fur, Olive Thorne.
5037 Living Faith, George S. Merriam.
5077 Living too Fast, Oliver Optic.
5124 Long-Look House, Edward Abbott.
5164 Long Ago, Ellis Gray.
4980 Lord Macauley's Life and Letters, 2 Vols. Edited by Otto Trevelyan.

M.

5180 Madcap Violet, William Black.
5215 Mad World and its Inhabitants, Julius Chambers.
5190 Maid of Stralsund, J. B. DeLiefde.
4972 Man on the Ocean, R. M. Ballantyne.
5243 Man Who was not a Colonel, Anon.
5270 Mason, N. H., History of John B. Hill.
4969 Meditations on the Essence of Christianity, R. Laird Collier.
5054 Mediæval and Modern Saints and Miracles.
5131 Meeting the Sun, Travels. William Simpson.
4930 Memoir of Caroline Herschel, Mrs. John Herschel.
4954 " of Norman McLeod, D. D., 2 Vols. Rev. D. McLeod.
5100 " of Dr. Samuel G. Howe, Julia Ward Howe.
5139 " Speeches and Writings of Robert Rantoul.
5285 " of Daniel P. King, Chas. W. Upton.
5021 Men and Manners One Hundred Years Ago, H. E. Scudder.
5074 Mercy Philbrick's Choice, No Name Series. Vol. 1st.
5199 Michael Strokoff, Jules Verne.
6171 Mikado's Empire, William Elliot Griffis.
4973 Miss Molly, Beatrice M. Butt.
5056 Missionary Life in India, Rev. T. J. Scott.
5182 Mission of Black Rifle, Elijah Kellogg.
5204 Miss Roberts' Fortune, Sophy Winthrop.
5210 Molly Maguires, or, Secret Societies, F. P. Dewees.
5134 Mother West's Neighbors, Mrs. Jane D. Chaplin.
5070 My Little Love, Marion Harland.
5157 My Mother's Manuscript, From the French of Lamartine.

N.

5142 Napoleon 3d, Public and Private Life of S. Smucker.
5143 Napoleon Bonaparte, Life and Campaigns.
4490 Napoleon 1st, History of Vol. 3d. P. Lanfrey.
5099 Narrow Guage Railways in America, Howard Fleming.
5080 Near to Nature's Heart, E. P. Roe.
5076 Nellie Kinnard's Kingdom, Amanda M. Douglas.
5276 Newgate of Connecticut, Richard H. Phelps.
4985 Nile Journal, T. G. Appleton.
5091 Noblesse Oblige, Author of M'mlle Mori.
5023 Nonsense Songs, etc., Edward Lear.
5264 Northfield, Mass,, History of J. H. Temple & George Sheldon.
5275 Norwich, Conn., Jubilee, Sep. 7, 8, 1859, Compiled by J. W. Stedman.

O.

4967	Official Guide to Philadelphia,	Thompson Westcott.
5231	Offenbach in America,	Jacques Offenbach.
5192	Oliver of the Mill,	Marie L. Charlesworth.
5113	On a Pincushion, Fairy Tales.	Mary DeMorgan.
4945	One Fair Woman	Joaquin Miller.
5162	Only a Dog,	Anon.
5083	Open Air Grape Culture,	John Phin.
4948	Our Wasted Resources,	William Hargreaves.
4968	Our Children,	Augustus K. Gardner.
5241	Out of the World and Other Tales,	Miss Thackeray.

P.

4964	Passing the Portal,	Mrs. Meta V. Victor.
5229	Peter, the Apostle,	Rev. Wm. M. Taylor, D. D.
5119	Philip Nolan's Friends,	Rev. E. E. Hale.
5186	Phœbe, Jr.,	Mrs. Oliphant.
5095	Pictures in Camp and Field,	B. E. Taylor.
5097	Pilot and his Wife,	Jonas Lie.
5185	Plains of the Great West,	Richard Irving Dodge.
5250	Plea for Art in the House,	W. J. Loftie.
5063	Poems of Places, Vol. 2d.	Edited by H. W. Longfellow.
5010	Poison of Asps and Other Stories,	Florence Marryatt.
3942	Popular Science Monthly,	Vols. 7, 8, 9.
4917	Popular History of France,	Vols. 3. 4. 5. 6, Guizot.
5170	Popular History of England,	8 Vols. Charles Knight.
4989	Prime Minister,	Anthony Trollope.
5062	Puritan Revolution,	Samuel R. Gardiner.
5282	Prescott Genealogy,	William Prescott, M. D.

R.

5227	Races of Men and their Geographical Distribution,	Oscar Peschel.
5230	Rambles and Studies in Greece,	J. P. Mahaffy.
5195	Rebecca's Journal,	Mrs. Mary Lansing.
4953	Record of Andover during the Rebellion,	Compiled by Samuel Raymond.
4949	Religion and Philosophy of Swedenborg,	T. Parsons.
5175	Religion of Evolution,	Rev. M. J. Savage.
5288	Report of Commissioner of Education.	
5290	" " Secretary of Treasury, for 1876.	
5292	" " State Board of Health.	
5289	" " U. S. Life Saving Service.	

4975	Revolutionary Times,	Edward Abbott.
5014	Revolution, Paragraph History,	Edward Abbott.
5174	Rhetoric of Conversation,	George W. Hervey.
5274	Rhode Island Historical Collections,	Vols. 6 and 3.
4935	Robinson Crusoe's Money,	David A. Wells.
4984	Robert Severne,	William A. Hammond.
5110	Roddy's Ideal,	Helen K. Johnson.
4927	Roebuck, a Novel.	
5117	Roman Legends,	R. H. Busk.
5135	Rose in Bloom,	Louisa M. Alcott. 2 copies.
5244	Rosine,	Whyte Melville.
5211	Russian Folk-Tales,	W. R. S. Ralston.

S.

4966	Sam's Chance,	Horatio Alger.
4958	Sanitary Drainage of Houses and Towns,	G. E. Waring.
5138	Scribner's Monthly,	10 Vols.
5020	Sea Stories.	
5213	Sermons,	James Walker, D. D., L. L. D.
5221	Shadows on the Snow,	B. L. Farjeon.
5233	Shadow of the Sword,	Robert Buchanan.
5129	Shelley. Anecdote Biography,	Edited by R. H. Stoddard.
5172	Short History of the English People,	J. R. Green.
5214	Sidonie,	From the French of A. Daudet.
4937	Sights and Insights,	2 Vols. Mrs. Whitney. 2 copies.
4924	Silver Castle,	Margaret E. Wilmer.
5005	Silver Pitcher and Other Stories,	Louisa M. Alcott. 2 copies.
5126	Snip and Whip and Some Other Boys,	Elizabeth A. Davis.
5051	Snowed Up,	Harry Castlemon. 2 copies.
5156	Snow Shoes and Canoes,	W. H. G. Kingston.
5193	Snow Family and Other People,	Maria B. Lyman.
5252	Social Life in Greece,	Rev. J. H. Mahaffy.
5022	Soldier's Friend,	Mrs. S. E. D. Smith.
5068	Spur of Monmouth, or Washington in Arms.	
4939	Squire Marchmont's Legacy,	Mary Cecil Hay.
5048	Starboard and Port,	George H. Hepworth.
5090	Star in the Dust Heap,	Hon. Mrs. Greene.
4998	Stories for the Home Circle.	
5238	Storm Driven,	Mary Healy.
5017	Story of Three Sisters,	Cecil Maxwell.
5035	Stories of Hospital and Camp,	Mrs. C. E. McKay.
5061	Story of Our Country,	Mrs. L. B. Munroe.
5188	Story of Sigurd, the Volsung,	William Morris.
4995	Stray Studies from England and Italy,	John R. Green.
4960	Students' Quarter,	W. M. Thackeray.

5179 Student Life at Harvard.
5123 Sunshine in the Shady Place, Edith Milner.
5111 Sweet Flowers, Mrs. Mackarness.
5200 Switzerland and the Swiss, By an American Resident.
4977 Sylvan Year, Phili G. Hamerton.

T.

5169 Tales from Two Hemispheres, Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen.
4923 Temperance Tales, Lucius M. Sargent.
5075 Ten Cents, Mary Dwinell Chellis.
5218 Thankful Blossom, Bret Harte.
5003 The Dilemma.
5012 The Mountains. Poems.
4992 Theophilus and Others, Mary Mapes Dodge.
5089 The Winged Lion, James de Mille,
5118 The Wanderers, W. H. G. Kingston.
5025 Thomas Wingfold, Curate, George Macdonald.
5058 Three Brides, Miss Yonge.
5013 To Buddlecombe and Back, F. C. Burnaud.
4979 Transcendentalism in New England, O. B. Frothingham.
5208 True Blue Laws of Connecticut and the False,
Edited by J. H. Turnbull.
5024 Truths for To-day, David Swing.
5102 Turkistan, Eugene Schuyler. 2 Vols.
5049 'Twixt Hammer and Anvil, Frank Lee Benedict.
5026 Two Chancellors, Translated from the Polish of M. Klaczko.
5059 Two Destinies, Wilkie Collins.
5088 Two Fortune Seekers and Other Stories, Rossiter Johnson.

U.

5071 Under the Old Oaks, or Won by Love, A Tale for the Young.

V.

5272 Vermont State Records, Edited by E. P. Walton. 3 Vols.
5273 Vermont Anniversary Ceremonies and Address by
L. E. Chittenden.
5109 Verses from the Harvard Advocate.
5001 Village Communities of the East and West, Sir Henry S. Maine.
5177 Vidocq. The French Police Spy.
5130 Vine and Olive, Oliver Optic.
5101 Voyage round the World, Jules Verne.

Y.

5133	Young Folk's Centennial Rhymes,	Will Carleton.
5234	Young Man's Difficulties with his Bible,	Rev. D. W. Faunce.
5127	Young Trail Hunters,	Samuel W. Cozzens.
5120	Young Rajah,	W. H. G. Kingston.

W.

5032	Wages Question,	Francis A. Walker.
5087	Walter Robertson,	Arthur E. Clesson.
5144	Wanderings of a Pilgrim in the Shadow of Mont Blanc,	George B. Cheever.
5015	War of 1775—1783,	John M. Ludlow.
5267	Wayland in the Civil War.	
5183	We Boys,	Anon.
5122	Wenderholme,	P. G. Hamerton.
5269	Wenham, Mass., History of	Myron O. Allen, M. D.
5268	West Springfield Centennial, 1874,	Compiled by J. N. Bagg.
4932	Why We Laugh,	Samuel S. Cox.
5093	Wild Rose and Other Stories,	Mrs. Mackarness.
5240	Widow of Windsor,	Annie Gaskell.
5184	Wine Bibber's Temperance Society.	
5094	Winwood Cliff,	Daniel Wise.
5079	Wit, Humor and Shakespeare,	John Weiss.
5262	Woburn, Mass., History of	Samuel Sewell.
4944	Work in the Vineyard,	E. T. Burr.
4990	Working People and their Employers,	Rev. W. Gladden.
5028	Words, their Use and Abuse,	William Mathews.
5248	Wreath of Indian Stories,	A. L. O. E.
4963	Wych Hazel,	S. and A. Warner.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

The Auditors, having completed their examination of the Town Accounts for the year now ending, herewith present to the town, in printed form, the reports of the various Town Officers, and would certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Collectors, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyors, and Treasurer of the Beebe Library, and find proper vouchers for all moneys expended.

We would call attention to what seems to us a pleasing feature of the Report, viz.: the unusually small amount of taxes remaining uncollected, the lists of two years only (1875–6) now remaining open, and only about $15,000 remaining unpaid on both years.

We find that the town has paid for rent of Richardson Light Guard Armory for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1876, $151.60 in excess of the amount allowed by the State. As the Selectmen have not explained this discrepancy in their Report, we deem it our duty to state that we understand from Capt. Cate, that it is hoped that the Legislature will re-imburse the town in the above amount. Should the Legislature fail to do this, it has been agreed between Capt. Cate and the Selectmen that the amount shall be deducted from the Armory rent for the year 1877.

T. J. SKINNER,
W. S. GREENOUGH,
E. E. EMERSON,
} *Auditors.*

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriation Committee's Report,	57
Appropriations, List of,	6
Assessors' Report,	53
Auditors' Report,	6
Auditors' Statement,	109
Beacon Street Appropriation,	30
Bird Houses,	22
Births,	64
Charles Street Appropriation,	30
Claim of James French,	21
Collectors' Statements,	40
County Tax (see Treasurer's Report),	43
Deaths,	72
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	21
Emerson Street Appropriation,	31
Engineers' Report,	54
Fire Department Expenses,	12
Fish Committee's Report,	58
Fourth of July Celebration,	20
Highways and Bridges,	22
Jurors' List,	5
Library Finances,	15
Librarian's Report,	97
Loan Account,	43
Marriages,	68
Miscellaneous Expenses,	17
New Books in Library,	98
New Room in High School Building,	11
Overseers of Poor's Report,	32
Police Report,	54
Salaries of Town Officers,	16
School Committee's Report,	76
School Expenses,	7
School Contingent,	10
Selectmen's Report,	47
State Aid,	46
State Tax (see Treasurer's Report),	43
Street Lamps,	15

	Page.
Support of Poor,	14 and 32
Tax Deeds, List of,	45
Town Clerk's Report,	63
Town Debt,	44
Town Officers,	3
Treasurer's Report,	42
Trustees of Library Report,	93
Valuation List, Publishing of,	21
Water Street Bridge,	30
Yale Engine Hall,	21

THE SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

AUDITORS, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, FIRE ENGINEERS, FISH COMMITTEE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DURING THE YEAR 1877.

WAKEFIELD:
W. H. TWOMBLY, PRINTER, WAKEFIELD'S BLOCK.
1878.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1877-8.

SELECTMEN.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman.*

R. L. MURKLAND, *Secretary.* B. B. BURBANK.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

TOWN TREASURER.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

ASSESSORS.

DAVID PERKINS, JAMES OLIVER, JOHN S. EATON.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CYRUS N. WHITE, WM. F. YOUNG, IRA WILEY, JR.*

*Died August 2d, 1877.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*,	Term Expires	1880.
THEODORE E. BALCH,	" "	1880.
SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, *Secretary*,	" "	1879.
CHARLES KEYSER,*	" "	1879.
GEORGE W. ABORN,	" "	1878.
E. P. COLBY,	" "	1878.
QUINCY WHITNEY,	" "	1878.

*Died Sept 21, 1877. Quincy Whitney chosen to fill vacancy.

AUDITORS.

T. J. SKINNER, E. E. EMERSON, W. S. GREENOUGH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

RICHARD BRITTON.

FISH COMMITTEE.

OSCAR I. STOWELL, C. P. POLAND, THOMAS GOULD.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*,	ELIZA A. WAKEFIELD,*
THEODORE E. BALCH, *Sec'y*,	HARRIET N. FLINT,
CHESTER W. EATON, *Treas.*	S. O. RICHARDSON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,	F. P. HURD,
EDWARD MANSFIELD,	GEORGE L. KILGORE,
JOHN M. CATE,	AZEL AMES, JR.,
JOHN HOGAN.	

*Died Nov. 14, 1877.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SAMUEL F. LITTLEFIELD, *Chief*, H. L. DAY, *Sec'y*,

C. H. DAVIS.

Board of Health.

S. O. RICHARDSON, J. R. MANSFIELD, E. P. COLBY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Highway Surveyors.

LEVI FLANDERS,	Centre District.
C. P. POLAND,	North "
L. B. EATON,	South "
C. H. DERBY,	East "
HERO NICHOLS,	West "
JOSHUA PERHAM,	Woodville "

Fence Viewers.

DAVID PERKINS, R. L. MURKLAND, GEO. H. TEAGUE.

Constables.

DANIEL CAREY, C. H. DAVIS, HOWARD EMERSON.

Police Officers.

DANIEL CAREY, *Chief.* J. F. ALEXANDER, R. L. COOPER,
I. F. SHELDON, JOHN DRUGAN, *PATRICK KENNEY,
J. S. BATCHELDER, *PATRICK FOLEY, †THOMAS BARBER,
F. G. COKER, JOSEPH TUTTLE.

*Discharged during the year. †Died.

Pound Keeper.

JOHN B. ATWELL.

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEORGE W. ABORN, G. N. OSGOOD, GEO. K. GILMAN,
J. C. W. WALTON, JAMES WESTGATE, A. A. MANSFIELD.

Measurers of Wood.

RICHARD BRITTON, A. A. MANSFIELD, JOSEPH TUTTLE,
JOSHUA WALTON, HENRY CLAY, C. W. GREEN,
A. J. HUTCHINSON, B. F. ABBOTT, WILLIS S. MASON,
M. C. EVANS.

Surveyors of Lumber.

HENRY CLAY, C. F. BICKFORD, GEORGE H. TEAGUE,
H. L. HASKELL, H. D. HOYT, B. F. ABBOTT,
EUGENE S. HINCKLEY.

Truant Officer.

DANIEL CAREY.

Field Drivers.

THOMAS HICKS, JAMES F. B. HALL.

List of Jurors

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 6, 1877.

Abbott, B. F.
Abbott, Henry F.
Abbott, George
Allen, Mark
Anderson, Clinton O.
Atwell, John
Balch, T. E.
Batchelder, David
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Bickford, Chas. F.
Britton, Richard
Burbank, B. B.
Burgess, E. B.
Carey, Daniel
Cooper, R. L.
Connell, Joseph
Currier, Horace P.
Doliver, Horatio
Dodge, A. P.
Eaton, Levi B.
Emmons, D. T.
Emerson, Frederic
Fisher, Henry S.
Gilman, Geo. K.
Green, Thomas
Hardy, Geo. A.
Harnden, J. W.
Haskell, Henry L.
Heath, L. N.
Hogan, John
Hurd, Joseph L.
Kenney, Thomas
Kendrick, Rufus
Killoran, James
Mansfield, J. J.
Mason, David P.
Moran, John
Maloney, John A.
Nichols, Hero W.
Niles, Charles E.
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Parker, Samuel, Jr.
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Perkins, David
Putney, Stillman J.
Pitman, L. J.
Potter, James W.
Reed, Washington
Sheldon, I. F.
Stout, Richard S.
Sweetser, Jewett B.
Sweetser, E. Felton
Teague, George H.
Tuttle, Joseph
Tyler, John A.
Walton, Oliver, 2d
Walton, J. C. W.
Williams, Francis
Webster, John W.
White, Cyrus N.
Young, William F.
Upham, E. S.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877-8.

For Support of Schools,		$11,000 00
School Contingent Fund,		1,000 00
Support of the Poor,		4,000 00
" " " Fire Department,		2,400 00
Payment of Town Officers,		2,700 00
Expense of Street Lamps,		1,200 00
Support of Public Library { including dog tax 1876-7, $433.20 }		633 20
Miscellaneous Expenses,		3,500 00
Highways and Bridges,		3,000 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,		150 00
Refuse on Common Extension,		25 00
Opening Saugus River,		200 00
Stocking Lake Quannapowitt,		350 00
Bennett Street Appropriation,		150 00
Richardson Street "		100 00
Total Selectmen's Department,		$30,408 20
For Payment of Town Debt,	$6,000 00	
Interest on do.,	9,000 00	
Total Treasurer's Department,		$15,000 00
Total,		$45,408 20

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Regular Appropriation, . . .		$11,000 00
Received from Mass. State fund 1877,		220 01
Transferred from Contingent fund, . .		116 43
Total, . . .		$11,336 44

Expended as follows:

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Melvin J. Hill,	High School, . .	$1,461 70
Eliza M. Greenwood,	Assistant do. . .	435 49
Martha Keith,	do. do. . .	104 00
M. E. Wentworth,	Advanced Grammar,	666 25
Abbie S. Perkins,	First " .	526 50
Sarah L. Thomas,	Second " .	78 00
Emma S. Small,	" " .	109 99
Mary E. Dana,	" " .	175 99
Fred'k S. Cutter,	" " .	87 50
M. Annie Warren,	Third " .	445 99
Elenora Hutchinson,	Training and 1st Int.	502 13
Susan E. Barker,	" " Woodville,	55 50
" " "	Asst. Second Grammar,	102 49
Nellie A. Miller,	Training and Int. .	55 67
" " "	Montrose, . .	19 00
" " "	West Intermediate, .	216 00
Myra A. Stearns,	First Primary, .	371 00
M. I. Hersey,	Second " . .	369 98
Clara E. Bancroft,	Asst. Second Primary,	64 99
" " "	Training and Int. .	86 58
C. Eveline Sweetser,	Ctr. Intermediate, .	21 08
Hannah H. Taft,	" " .	204 99
Alice Alexander,	" " .	305 00
Sophie F. Hamblin,	West " .	181 03
L. J. Mansfield,	" Primary, .	342 75
Francella M. Evans,	North .	435 89
Annie R. Killoran,	East .	392 29
Frannie L. Hartshorne,	South .	409 90
Amount carried forward, . . .		$8,227 68

Amount brought forward,		$8,227 68
Paid Susie D. Turnbull,	Franklin Intermediate,	404 99
Emma L. Upham,	" Primary,	339 50
Alice M. Wiley,	Woodville,	330 50
George F. Wilson,	Music Teacher,	512 20
Total for Salaries,		$9,814 87

NOTE.—The School Committee report that there are unpaid bills in this department to the amount of about $350.

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Wm. H. Wiley,	High School Building,	$215 00
A. F. Hutchinson,	Ctr. Dist. to Mch. 3, 1877,	51 85
Geo. E. Gamage,	" "	126 00
James E. Buckley,	Franklin,	84 00
Henry Phelps,	North,	42 00
I. F. Sheldon,	South,	42 00
G. H. Wiley,	East,	63 00
Jonas Cowdrey and Waldo E. Cowdrey,	West,	65 00
W. W. Bessey,	West,	16 00
E. Butterfield,	Woodville,	42 00
Total,		$746 85

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid James J. Mansfield,	
30 tons Furnace Coal at $4.95,	$148 50
10 " Egg " " 5.40,	54 00
Basketing do.,	7 51
Henry O. Mitchell,	
51 cords 6 1-4 ft. Hard Wood at $6.25,	323 63
15 " 3 1-2 ft. Pine " " 4.50,	69 74
Tickets for do.,	3 66
Geo. W. Aborn,	
4 cords Oak Wood, at $8.00	32 00
2 " " " " 7.00,	14 00
1 ton Coal,	7 50
Sawing and Housing,	3 41
Total for fuel,	$663 95

PREPARING FUEL.

Paid Asaph Evans,	$51 12
I. F. Sheldon,	10 00
John Kelley,	14 62
Moses G. Hobson,	4 75
Henry Sweetser,	6 28
J. E. Buckley,	1 25
Orison Ripley,	1 40
Geo. E. Gamage,	21 35
Total,	$110 77

Recapitulation.

Appropriations brought forward,		$11,336 44
Expended:		
Teachers' Salaries,	$9,814 87	
Janitors' Services,	746 85	
Fuel Account,	663 95	
Preparing Fuel,	110 77	
		$11,336 44

SUPPORT OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Regular appropriation,	$200 00
Dog tax 1876-7,	433 20
	$633 20
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treas. of Trustees,	633 20

For details of expenditures see Trustees' Report.

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid R. L. Murkland,	books and stationery,	$66 14
C. A. Cheney,	" "	15 00
C. Q. Goodwin,	" "	99 46
J. L. Hammett,	school supplies,	128 62
H. B. & W. O. Chamberlin,	apparatus,	10 31
F. W. Smith,	ink,	17 25
O. Ditson & Co.,	music,	27 00
Amer. Bap. Pub. Soc'y,	stationery,	13 00
J. W. Locke,	"	15 80
T. E. Balch,	"	4 53
W. H. Twombly,	printing,	22 12
S. B. Dearborn,	"	10 50
Weeks & Potter,	chemicals,	5 80
S. W. Abbott,	metric system,	10 21
H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	2 00
J. H. Eaton,	expressing,	65
H. M. Rideout,	taking census,	40 00
Teachers,	for sundries,	18 13
Janitors,	for extra labor and sundries,	72 35
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	mats,	12 63
F. S. Shaw,	furnishing goods,	8 25
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	gas,	6 65
Geo. W. Aborn,	labor and stock furnished,	10 25
M. C. Taylor,	repairs,	2 00
Geo. H. Teague,	"	28 54
John Purington,	"	56 51
A. Wiley,	"	1 75
Bacon & Sweetser,	"	65 06
W. K. Perkins,	"	7 00
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	21 70
J. & S. Winship,	"	7 00
M. N. Cobb,	"	2 00
Moses Staples,	"	12 32
Amount carried forward,		$820 53

Amount brought forward,			$820 53
Paid J. Cartwright,	repairs,		1 87
I. A. Parsons,	"		12 75
J. Goddard,	"		23 60
A. Goodwin,	"		3 70
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	"		17 12
G. C. McKenzie, repairing clock and call bell,			4 00
Total expenditures,			$883 57
Balance unexpended, transferred to Regular School Appropriation,			116 43
			$1,000 00

REFUSE ON COMMON EXTENSION.

Appropriation authorized,		$25 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid John Toomey, labor, 13 days,	$19 50	
G. H. Sweetser, labor,	2 00	
For sign boards,	3 50	
		$25 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$2,400 00
Expended as follows:		
YALE ENGINE COMPANY No. 1.		
Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1877, .		$820 75
G. H. Sweetser,	Steward's services, .	4 50
C. E. Townley,	" " .	34 10
H. N. Winslow,	teaming, . .	8 50
Citizens' Gas Co.,	gas, . . .	1 40
Benson & Hall,	fuel, . . .	3 25
J. H. Eaton,	express, . . .	3 00
Atherton Bros.,	supplies, . . .	73
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	labor and sundries, .	10 01
Belt & Leather Stuffing Co.,	indicator, .	9 00
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	strainer, . . .	1 00
J. & S. Winship,	repairs, . . .	6 25
Hunneman & Co.,	" . . .	21 75
Total, ...		$924 24
C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE CO. No. 2.		
Paid Firemen's Services to May 1, 1877, being a sum equivalent to the Poll tax of each member, ...		$44 00
Geo. I. Oliver,	Steward's services, .	38 50
H. O. Mitchell & Co.,	fuel, . . .	4 38
J. J. Mansfield,	" . . .	1 50
" "	drawing engine, .	14 00
J. H. Eaton,	express, . .	50
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs, . . .	65
Total, ...		$103 53
CHEMICAL ENGINE CO. No. 1.		
Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1877, .		$126 50
Justin Howard,	Steward's services, .	28 63
Oscar Hutchinson,	rent of room, . .	50 00
Amount carried forward, . . .		$205 13

Amount brought forward,		$205 13
Paid H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	16 00
Howe & French,	chemicals,	3 92
Cutler Bros.,	soda,	10 80
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs and sundries,	22 50
Total,		$258 35

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER CO. NO. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1877,		$261 75
John M. Cate, Rent from Jan. '76 to Jan. '77,		180 00
J. & S. Winship,	repairs,	5 00
Edward Hooper, Jr.,	truck pole,	10 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	sundries,	1 75
Total,		$458 50

OTHER EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. H. Emerson,	ringing fire alarms,	$3 00
Chas. L. Coombs,	" " "	10 00
Andrew Goodwin,	" " "	5 00
" "	labor,	3 75
B. F. Abbott,	labor on Reservoirs,	1 50
B. F. Shedd,	"	2 00
N. H. Dow,	"	1 00
Israel A. Parsons,	"	1 00
F. G. Coker,	" & platform,	34 53
J. M. Fairbanks,	labor on Hose,	9 00
C. N. White,	"	9 75
J. H. Eaton,	care of Reservoirs,	10 00
" "	keys and express,	1 15
Geo. Burke,	material,	5 95
Chas. Q. Goodwin,	blank book,	1 00
C. H. R. Cheney,	repairing clock,	2 00
Moses Staples,	labor,	3 10
Bacon & Sweetser,	repairs on house,	28 00
Patrick O'Connor,	labor on well,	22 50
Amount carried forward,		$154 23

Amount brought forward,		$154 23
Paid P. Hennessey,	stones for well,	3 00
J. Westgate,	lumber "	2 65
David Perkins,	platform "	5 75
C. H. Davis,	labor "	3 00
Total,		$168 63

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co. No. 1,	$924 24
C. Wakefield Co. No. 2,	103 53
Chemical Engine Co. No. 1,	258 35
Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1,	458 50
Sundry other expenses,	168 63
Total expended,	$1,913 25
Balance unexpended,	486 75
	$2,400 00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation authorized,	$4,000 00
Paid Cyrus N. White, Chairman of Overseers, as per receipts,	5,200 00
Balance overdrawn,	$1,200 00

For details of expenditures, see Report of Overseers of the Poor.

PAYMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized,		$2,700 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Board of Auditors,	1876–7,	100 00
" " Selectmen,	1877–8,	450 00
" " Assessors,	" "	350 00
" " Overseers of Poor,	" "	150 00
" " Engineers of Fire Dep't,	" "	*100 00
" " School Committee,	" "	200 00
" " " "	bal. of salaries for 1876–7,	166 67
Chas. F. Hartshorne,	Town Clerk,	100 00
" "	recording statistics,	87 60
" "	sealer weights & measures,	25 00
Richard Britton,	Collector, on acc't,	300 00
James F. Emerson,	Treasurer, 1876,	50 00
Otis V. Waterman,	Collector in full,	59 00
W. G. Skinner,	Return of deaths,	5 25
F. G. Coker,	Janitor of Town Hall,	331 00
H. W. Eustis,	Night Watch,	10 00
Warren S. Parker,	" "	5 00
C. H. Davis,	Constable,	48 00
Daniel Carey,	"	33 50
" "	Police,	194 65
F. G. Coker,	"	95 80
John F. Alexander,	"	75 40
J. S. Batchelder,	"	50 95
R. L. Cooper,	"	48 85
John Drugan,	"	28 90
Patrick Kenney,	"	35 30
Patrick Foley,	"	22 70
H. D. Hoyt,	"	12 30
Thomas Gould,	"	6 00
Joseph Tuttle,	"	5 00
Total, *carried forward*,		$3,146 87

* $25 of this amount refunded; see Treasurer's report.

Amount brought forward, ...		$3,146 87
Balance overdrawn transferred to Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses by direction of Selectmen,		446 87
		$2,700 00

APPROPRIATION FOR STOCKING LAKE QUANNAPOWITT.

Appropriation authorized, . .	$350 00	
Less am't transferred to Saugus River appropriation, by permission of Selectmen, . .	80 06	
		$269 94
Expended as follows:		
Paid Thos. Pierce, 2d, 250 Black Bass at .60, ...	$150 00	
State Treasurer, rent of pond 15 years, ...	10 00	
Asa French, preparing lease, .	10 00	
Transportation of Alewives and Salmon, ...	30 50	
D. F. Jones & Co., printing, .	4 75	
J. W. Littlefield, wire netting,	2 63	
Expenses to Plymouth, . .	6 00	
Lumber and labor on screen at outlet, ...	5 25	
Expressage, stationery, postage, telegrams, &c., . .	6 01	
Total expended, ...		$225 14
Balance unexpended, now in hands of Fish Com.		$44 80

APPROPRIATION FOR OPENING SAUGUS RIVER.

Regular appropriation authorized, .	$200 00	
Transferred from Fish appropriation,	80 06	
Received from Town of Lynnfield, .	53 85	
" " Mr. Flagg, . .	1 00	
		$334 91

Expended as follows:

Paid C. P. Poland,	labor	21 1-4	days at	$2 00,	$42 50
Thomas Gould,	"	16 1-2	" "	2 00,	33 00
E. Gowing, Jr.,	"	11	" "	1 75,	19 24
F. P. Hoyt,	"	18 1-4	" "	1 75,	31 92
C. H. Hart,	"	16	" "	1 75,	27 99
John Loughlin,	"	13 1-4	" "	1 75,	23 17
M. Sullivan,	"	12 1-4	" "	1 75,	21 42
L. D. Hoyt,	"	11	" "	1 75,	19 24
W. Crowley,	"	12	" "	1 75,	20 99
Charles Hart,	"	8 1-2	" "	1 75,	14 85
E. Gowing,	"	5 3-4	" "	1 75,	10 05
P. Reddington,	"	9 1-2	" "	1 75,	16 62
M. Keegan,	"	3	" "	1 75,	5 25
M. Penny,	"	8	" "	1 75,	14 00
P. Crowley,	"	3	" "	1 75,	5 25
L. Smith,	"	4 3-4	" "	1 75,	8 30
Thomas Hickey,	"	4 1-2	" "	1 75,	7 87
W. W. Davis,	Surveying, .				6 00
C. P. Poland,	Horse, 1 day,				1 50
Lumber for Fishway and Raft, .					5 75
					$334 91

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$150 00
Paid R. L. Murkland, Treas. Post 12, G. A. R.,	150 00

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,			$1,200 00
Expended as follows:			
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	for gas,	$565	37
A. W. Cate,	" lighting,	75	00
David Flanders,	" "	185	00
I. F. Sheldon,	" " Greenwood,	87	14
Henry Phelps,	" " North Dist.,	13	25
Cutler Bros.,	" supplies,	18	65
W. A. Cutter & Co.,	" "	5	67
B. P. Bowman,	" lanterns & repairs,	18	00
Tufts Bros.,	" lamp posts, &c.,	40	50
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	" repairs,	7	90
L. J. Descalzo,	" "	14	83
J. Descalzo,	" "	7	20
Z. F. Fairbanks,	" "	19	50
John McGrory,	" "	3	00
R. L. Murkland,	" burners,	6	00
J. H. Eaton,	" express,		50
Boston & Maine R. R.,	" freight bill,		30
F. G. Coker,	" setting post,	2	00
Total,		$1,069	81
Balance unexpended,		130	19
		$1,200	00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$3,500 00
Expended as follows:	
TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.	
Paid Citizens' Gas Lt. Co., for gas, . . .	$420 35
James J. Mansfield, 30 1230-2000 tons coal at $4.95,	151 54
" " . 5 1555-2000 " 5.40,	31 20
H. O. Mitchell & Co., 2 1-4 cords pine wood, at $5.00, ...	11 25
F. G. Coker, labor and sundries, . .	32 68
Descalzo & Boulger, repairs, . . .	2 15
Ingalls & Kendriken, gauge glass for boiler,	30
E. H. Brabrook, piano stool, . . .	5 00
Wm. Hall & Co., keys, ...	1 38
Sharp & Moulton, repairs, . . .	24 95
R. L. Murkland, gas fixtures, . . .	9 25
G. N. Littlefield & Co., sundries and repairs,	14 26
William Daniel, repairs, . . .	19 50
J. Stevens & Son, "	4 00
Geo. H. Teague, "	1 00
C. H. R. Cheney, repairing clock, . .	1 00
Joseph Tuttle, removing ashes, ...	3 00
Bacon & Sweetser, repairs, . . .	3 43
F. S. Shaw, umbrella stand, . . .	5 00
Total, ...	$741 24

NOTE.—Janitor's services charged to the appropriation for Payment of Town Officers. See Treasurer's Report for income of Hall.

PERTAINING TO HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. L. Day, damage to sleigh, New Salem St.,	$5 75
Elisha Oliver, damages on highway, . .	15 00
William Derby, labor, setting bounds, .	3 00
James Foley, " " " .	3 00
L. D. Hoyt, " " " .	1 50
M. O. Shaughnessy, " " " .	1 50
Amount carried forward, . . .	$29 75

Amount brought forward, . . .	$29	75
Paid Geo. W. Stevens, labor setting bounds, .	32	00
H. D. Hoyt, " " " .	1	50
N. H. Dow, repairing culvert, . . .	3	00
G. N. Littlefield & Co., stock fence old cemetery,	1	36
J. J. Mansfield, " " "	13	33
H. H. Hobson, " " "	5	86
Oliver Walton, 2nd, labor " "	23	86
I. A. Parsons, " " "	1	80
G. N. Littlefield & Co., repairs town pumps,	4	47
John Wiley, 2nd, " " "	1	00
David Perkins, guide boards, . . .	32	75
Bacon & Sweetser, " . . .	15	00
Oliver Walton, 2nd, labor on Ezra Eaton lot,	11	60
Geo. H. Sweetser, " common, .	1	50
James Hurley, repairs on sidewalk, . .	15	00
Edw. C. Bates, tree protectors, . .	169	71
E. W. Eaton, oil " . . .	1	75
Peter B. Teed, care of trees, . . .	3	50
Cyrus Kimball, removing snow, 1877, .	4	00
Stephen Lufkin, damage to fence by snow plow,	1	50
Town of Stoneham, bound stones, . .	8	15
F. G. Coker, repairing railing, . . .	2	50
Richard Britton, Collector, sundry tax bills for labor on highway, ...	21	00
Total, ...	$405	89

PRINTING, STATIONERY, &C.

Paid W. H. Twombly, ptg town reports, 1876–7,	$299	50
" " " and advertising, .	180	59
S. B. Dearborn, printing, . . .	5	00
Doane & Greenough, stationery, . .	28	25
H. B. Peirce, Sec'y, voters' register, . .	2	00
J. W. Locke, P. M., postage stamps, .	2	00
C. F. Hartshorne, sundries for Town Clerk,	7	27
R. L. Murkland, " Selectmen, .	2	50
James Oliver, " Assessors, .	4	07
Total, ...	$531	18

INSURANCE.

Paid C. F. Hartshorne, Ins. on School Houses,		$655 00
J. D. Mansfield, " " "		90 00
Total,		$745 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid John M. Cate, armory rent,		$350 00
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell,		5 00
R. H. Mitchell, " "		3 00
W. G. Skinner, circulating reports,		16 00
Geo. Abbott, care of flag staff,		5 00
H. N. Winslow, teaming,		25
E. E. Emerson, 4th of July celebration,		100 00
J. R. Mansfield, for Board of Health,		19 50
E. A. Upton, legal services,		5 00
Moses Staples, repairs on bell,		3 75
Richard Britton, registration of voters,		35 00
Oliver Walton, 2nd, return of deaths,		11 25
" " repairs of hearse,		50
Cutler Bros., food for tramps,		2 71
F. S. Shaw, repairing table,		50
I. F. Sheldon, repairs,		2 00
Total,		$559 46

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS OVERDRAWN.

Payment of Town Officers,	$446 87
Richardson St., appropriation,	5 77
Highway appropriation retained by Selectmen,	7 25
Total,	$459 89

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation brought forward,		$3,500 00
Expended as follows:		
Town House account,	$741 24	
Pertaining to highways,	405 89	
Amounts carried forward,	$1,147 13	$3,500 00

Amounts brought forward,	$1,147 23	$3,500 00
Printing, stationery, &c.,	531 18	
Insurance,	745 00	
Incidentals,	559 46	
Overdrawn appropriations,	459 89	
Total,		3,442 66
Balance unexpended,		$57 34

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized,	$3,000 00
By vote of the Board of Selectmen, April 13, 1877, the above amount was apportioned to the several districts, as follows, viz.:	
Centre District, Levi Flanders, surveyor,	$675 00
North " C. P. Poland, "	430 00
South " L. B. Eaton, "	430 00
East " C. H. Derby, "	400 00
West " H. W. Nichols, "	650 00
Woodville " Joshua Perham, "	300 00
Retained by Selectmen for outstanding bills of last year,	115 00
Total,	$3,000 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows:

AMOUNT RETAINED BY SELECTMEN.

Amount apportioned,	$115 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid John G. Morrill, clearing snow, 1876–7,	34 87
Andrew Young, " " "	27 38
Amount carried forward,	$62 25

Amount brought forward, . .	$62 25
Paid J. H. Perkins, clearing snow, 1876-7, .	6 50
H. D. Hoyt, " " " .	7 00
Cyrus Kimball, " " " .	27 81
Ezra Gowing, " " " .	11 20
C. P. Poland, " " " .	7 49
	$122 25
Amount overdrawn carried to Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses, . .	7 25
	$115 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.—LEVI FLANDERS, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	$675 00
Received from sundry individuals for soil, &c., .	17 00
	$692 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid sundry individuals as per pay rolls for labor upon various streets as follows, viz: .	
Main street from Town House to Junction,	$72 62
" " R.R. Bridge "	125 56
Valley, Hart, Melvin, Church, Railroad Sts., and Broadway, ...	132. 06
Bryant, Emerald, Cottage, Highland and Richardson Sts., ...	85 24
Water and Melvin Sts., ...	126 00
Crescent, Valley, Cottage and Melvin Sts.,	6 52
Yale Ave. and Railroad St., . . .	12 00
Clearing out cesspools, Main St., . .	10 50
Sundry bills for blacksmith work, lumber and labor, ...	68 50
Removing snow in February, . . .	149 85
Total expended, . . .	$788 85
Add errors found in Pay Rolls, . . .	12 37
	$801 22
Balance in excess of Apportionment, and now due Levi Flanders, ...	109 22
	$692 00

North District.—C. P. Poland, Surveyor.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	$430 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay rolls for labor upon the highway, ...	347 23
for removing snow, ...	56 85
for gravel, ...	33 68
for drain pipe and blacksmithing, . .	2 84
Total expended, ...	$440 60
Balance now due Mr. Poland, . .	10 60
	$430 00

South District.—L. B. Eaton, Surveyor.

Balance in hands of surveyor, as per report last year, ...	$49 33
Expended as follows:	
Paid for labor, as per pay roll, for removing snow, 1876–7, ...	38 98
Peter Froton, for removing ledge, . .	5 00
Use of scraper and blacksmithing, . .	5 35
Total, ...	$49 33
Amount apportioned and drawn this year, .	$430 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay rolls, for labor on the highway, . . .	416 74
Removing snow, January and February, .	17 10
Repairing picks, ...	3 93
Total expended, . . .	$437 77
A balance is therefore due to Mr. Eaton, of .	7 77
	$430 00

Mr. Eaton reports that money has been expended upon various streets as follows:

Main Street, ...	$241 50
Greenwood Street, ...	159 24
Green Street, ...	15 00

EAST DISTRICT.—C. H. DERBY, SURVEYOR.

Balance in hands of Surveyor, as per report last year,	$55 46
Expended as follows:	
Paid for labor, as per pay roll, for removing snow, 1876--7,	36 05
for Highway labor in Oct., '77,	18 87
Balance paid to the Town Treasurer,	54
	$55 46
Amount apportioned and drawn this year,	$400 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay rolls, for labor,	329 55
for removing snow,	39 62
for gravel,	24 68
for repairing bridge on New Salem St.,	5 00
blacksmith work,	90
Total,	$399 75
Balance in hands of surveyor,	25
	$400 00

Mr. Derby reports that money has been expended upon various streets as follows:

Lowell Street,	$120 00
Vernon "	111 00
New Salem, "	75 00
Patching and sidewalks,	28 05
For gravel,	24 68

WEST DISTRICT.—HERO W. NICHOLS, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor,	$650 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay roll, for labor,	588 75
for removing snow, ...	89 85
tools and repairs, ...	11 75
Total expended, ...	$690 35
Balance now due Mr. Nichols, . .	40 35
	$650 00

Mr. Nichols makes the following report of where the money has been expended:

Railroad St., from Ice Houses to Reading line,	$226 00
Elm St., Davis Foster's Hill, ...	25 00
Prospect St., from Stoneham line to R.R. crossing,	212 00
West Chestnut St., near J. Whittemore's, .	40 00
Patching roads, &c., ...	85 75
Tools, &c., ...	11 75
Removing snow, ...	89 85
Total, ...	$690 35

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—JOSHUA PERHAM, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	$300 00
Balance in hands of surveyor last year, .	2 56
	302 56
Expended as follows:	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay roll, for labor,	$279 34
for removing snow, ...	35 00
for gravel, ...	17 64
scraper and tools, ...	3 10
Total expended, ...	$335 08
Balance now due Mr. Perham, . .	32 52
	$302 56

Mr. Perham makes the following report:

The proportion of Highway money committed to me for the year 1877, I have expended as follows:

Water Street,	$154 30
Nahant "	104 70
Wiley "	2 30
Farm "	3 67
Franklin "	3 38
Orchard "	60
Street near Baxter Wiley's,	1 05
Total,	$270 00

According to my best judgment,

JOSHUA PERHAM,

Highway Surveyor of Woodville District.

From the foregoing reports we find the total cost of removing snow the present season in all the districts amounts to $388.27. The prices paid in the various districts were for surveyor, $1.75 per day; laborers, $1.50 per day. For removing snow an average of 25 cents per hour for laborers; for man and horse 50 cents per hour.—(AUDITORS.)

APPROPRIATION FOR BENNETT STREET.

Appropriation authorized, ... $150 00

Expended as follows:

Paid Joseph Tuttle, as per pay roll, for labor by sundry individuals, ... $150 00

APPROPRIATION FOR RICHARDSON STREET.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$100 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid J. W. Jenkins, as per pay roll, for labor by sundry individuals, ...	109 77	
Less cash received for soil, . . .	4 00	
Total, ...		$105 77
Balance carried to miscellaneous expenses, .		5 77
		$100 00

CASH BALANCES IN HANDS OF SELECTMEN OF LAST YEAR, AS PER REPORT.

Beacon Street appropriation, ...		$150 00
Charles " "		184 00
		334 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Levi Flanders, as per contract for Beacon St.,		$134 00
" " " " Charles "		200 00
		$334 00

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year ending April 1st, 1878.

EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

For grain and meal,		$377 13
groceries,		306 57
meat and provisions,		424 85
dry goods,		150 66
coal,		163 10
clothing,		58 41
salt and fresh fish,		45 45
funeral expenses of Eulalia Slocomb,		17 00
tea and coffee,		54 50
tobacco and snuff,		32 45
labor on farm,		89 25
ice,		20 00
crackers and bread,		41 31
pasturing calves,		10 00
kerosene oil,		30 93
brooms,		7 50
blacksmith's bill,		17 32
stock,		52 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,898 43

	Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,898 43
For	field and garden seeds, ...	13 19
	molasses, ...	53 25
	soap, ...	25 32
	repairs on buildings, ...	49 56
	29 bbls. of flour, ...	272 62
	beans and peas, ...	9 03
	dog license, ...	2 00
	sugar, ...	62 69
	physicians' services, ...	61 25
	medicines, ...	58 15
	alcohol and liquors, ...	6 65
	hard and tin ware, ...	47 96
	household furniture, ...	11 28
	farming tools, ...	14 76
	beds and bedding, ...	40 66
	butter and cheese, ...	66 16
	vinegar, ...	11 58
	wooden ware	1 98
	crockery ware, ...	6 85
	boots and shoes, ...	94 44
	harness and repairs, ...	19 60
	varnishing wagon, ...	7 00
	wheelwright's bill, ...	15 74
	salt grass, ...	27 90
	newspaper and post-office bill, . . .	10 12
	car tickets and expense, ...	8 85
	plaster for vines, ...	1 00
	cash to inmates, ...	2 00
	use of bull, ...	75
	tomato plants, ...	3 00
	bedding for tramps, ...	14 87
	lumber, ...	4 20
	hats and caps, ...	8 19
	handcuffs, ...	4 25
	lightning rods for barn, ...	51 00
	Amount carried forward, . . .	$2,986 28

Amount brought forward, . . .	$2,986 28
For ashes, ...	1 00
stoves and repairs, ...	33 99
butcher's knives, ...	1 55
seed potatoes, ...	10 00
express charges, ...	6 00
Paid Joseph Tuttle, keeper, salary in full, .	350 00
Total expense at the almshouse for the year, ...	$3,388 82

RECEIPTS.

Received for labor on Bennett Street, . .	$47 62
removing ashes from Town House,	3 00
from W. D. Deadman, for peas, .	9 00
" " " cabbages, .	11 70
" " " veal, .	11 00
from J. Perham, " shovelling snow,	7 60
" " " potatoes, .	2 00
" C. N. White, " vegetables,	4 25
" D. G. Walton, " potatoes, .	11 70
" " " pork, .	25 90
" " " milk, .	22 32
" " " vegetables,	8 00
" " " labor, .	2 50
" " " hay, . .	65 13
from sundry persons for cabbages, .	10 00
" Mrs. Leggett, for milk, . .	5 65
Total receipts, . . .	$247 37
Net expense at almshouse, . . .	$3,141 45

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to Martin Donohoe, ...	$14 88
Maria Green, ...	5 13
Amount carried forward, . . .	$20 01

Amount carried forward,		$20 01
Supplies to	Ann McCarty,	9 02
	Thomas Manning,	52 05
	John Francis,	3 25
	Patrick Grady,	64 71
	Benjamin Freeby,	11 25
	James Develin,	29 20
	Mrs. L. A. Durrill,	26 90
	William Crowley,	12 00
	Michael Hurley,	142 00
	Porter Western,	125 12
Reform School,	Thomas O'Conner's, Westborough,	67 00
Paid board	Nelson Sweetser, hospital,	198 07
	George O. Sampson, "	55 71
	James O. Boswell, "	117 80
	Mary E. Osborne, "	46 03
	John Kelley, Jr., House of Correction,	21 57
	Charles Tucker, " "	25 28
Paid burial	Josephine Swintson,	7 00
	Hannah E. Sutherland's child,	23 10
	Seth E. Richard's child,	13 50
	Ina Morrison's child,	6 00
	Mrs. Thomas Tully,	18 00
	W. A. Merrill's child,	7 00
Supplies to	William H. Batchelder,	8 00
	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Reading,	116 00
	John Foley's boys,	97 50
	Jane Resterick,	56 00
	Ralph Pratt,	68 50
	Hannah Thompson,	14 65
	E. W. Wood,	43 50
Doctor's bill,	"	5 00
Supplies to	Barnard Derby,	114 50
	James Flarrety,	4 00
	Mary Regan,	35 72
	Michael Foley,	4 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,668 94

	Amount brought forward, . . .	$1,668 94
Supplies to	Theresa Blakely, ...	17 02
	William Jones, ...	14 75
	Ellen Cochran, ...	24 92
Paid to	R. T. Foster, board of child, . .	37 00
Supplies to	R. A. Sloan, ...	10 00
	Wm. B. Crawford, . . .	2 00
	J. T. B. Hall, ...	20 25
	Thomas Mulligan, ...	8 75
	Frank Pendle, ...	14 50
	James Mooney, ...	11 90
	Jane Kelley, ...	10 00
	Daniel Shannahan, . . .	32 15
	Samuel Mayo, ...	53 00
	Patrick O'Neil, ...	9 00
	Thomas Tully, ...	27 50
	Henry Williams, ...	115 17
	John Craughwell, ...	15 00
	James Welch	3 00
	John Madden, ...	5 50
	Tramps, ...	4 12
	Mrs. M. J. Leathe, . . .	4 88
	Geo. M. Ardell, ...	2 50
	J. Tyler, ...	5 00
	Michael Kennedy, ...	16 00
	M. Bladden, ...	6 25
Doctor's bill	"	2 50
	John Low, ...	1 50
	Mary Cullen, ...	14 90
	John Burditt, ...	11 50
	Wm. O'Neil, ...	8 20
	Annie M. Spencer, . . .	20 56
	Sarah Nichols, ...	1 50
	John Spencer, ...	8 50
	Patrick Farrington, . . .	19 16
	Thomas Mitchell, ...	4 00
	Amount carried forward, . . .	$2,231 42

Amount brought forward, . . .	$2,231 42
William Flynn, ...	5 25
Walter Linwood, ...	7 00
C. H. Carson, ...	1 75
Michael Connell, ...	6 15
Peter Connell, ...	12 00
Expense of Printing for Poor Department, .	7 00
" as Overseer, C. N. White, . .	32 68
" " W. F. Young, . .	1 30
Total expense away from almshouse, .	$2,304 55

RECEIPTS.

Received from the State, J. Develin, . .	$5 50
" " " Mary Regan, . .	10 00
" " " Frank Pendle, . .	4 00
" of V. H. Osborne, ...	23 00
Total Receipts, . . .	$42 50
Net expense away from almshouse, . . .	2,262 05

Recapitulation.

The Overseers have received from former Board,	$71 84
" " " " " town of Watertown, for S. W. Whitney (last year's acc't),	70 30
Received from town of Peabody, for J. S. Mann, (last year's acc't) . . .	16 00
Gloucester, for R. H. Parsons, (last year's acc't) . . .	29 95
No. Reading, for N. C. Hunter, (last year's acc't) . . .	12 15
State, for J. A. Bechmont, (last year's acc't) . . .	15 65
Town Treasurer, ...	5,200 00
	$5,415 89

Net expense at the Almshouse,	$3,141 45	
" " away from "	2,262 05	
		$5,403 50

Balance in Overseers' hands,	$12 39
Largest number of inmates,	23
Average " " "	18
Present " " "	13
Tramps relieved,	1094

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Stock,	$628 75
Hay,	241 00
Grain,	9 35
Carriages and farming tools,	634 00
Household furniture,	499 62
Provisions,	133 91
Miscellaneous,	257 25
Total,	$2,403 88

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. Warren Burditt,	Mrs. Keziah Burditt,
James Lang,	Sarah Nichols,
Walter Tuttle,	Rosella Slocomb,
Geo. A. Burditt,	Nora Denehey,
Edward Denehey,	Miss Susan Burditt,
James Eager,	Eulalia Slocomb,*
John H. Slocomb,	Mary E. Denehey,
Charles Tucker,	Etta W. Slocomb,
John Murphy,	Margaret Eager,
James Driscoll,	Cora M. Slocomb,
John Francis,	Bessie M. Brimmer,

Miss Mary Clements.

The name with the star denotes the person deceased.

Interest on Personal Property, . . .	$105 86
" Real Estate, ...	300 00
Overseers' orders, ...	3,141 45
	$3,547 31

1094 tramps at an expense of . $382 90

Supporting the average of 18 paupers, at $3 38 per week.

There is now due from the State for				Mrs. Michael Connell,	$1 50
"	"	"	"	Mary Regan, .	22 72
"	"	"	"	John Spencer, .	8 50
"	"	"	"	Benj. Freely, .	11 25
"	"	"	"	Hannah Thompson,	6 00
"	"	"	"	C. H. Carson, .	1 75
"	"	"	"	Frank Pendle, .	4 00
"	"	"	"	James Devlin, .	13 05
"	"	"	Boston,	" Josephine Swintson,	7 00
"	"	"	Salem,	" W. H. Bachelder,	8 00
"	"	"	Hanover,	" Geo. O. Sampson,	55 71
"	"	"	Orleans,	" R. A. Sloan, .	10 00
"	"	"	Saugus,	" J. T. B. Hall, .	20 25
"	"	"	Somerville,	. . .	4 00
			Total,		$173 73

Bills due against the Town, March 1, 1878, $90 00.

There are several small amounts, accruing since January first, due to other towns, not rendered, and probably about equal sums to our credit; so, that the final result will not differ, materially, from the foregoing statement.

One death has occurred at the Farm House during the year among the inmates, and there has been more or less sickness,—one of the females, at present, seriously, if not permanently, indisposed.

The army of "Tramps" has steadily increased, and we find upon our roll 1094 of these uninvited guests of the town,

for the past twelve months—exceeding last year's record by nearly three hundred, and causing an increased expense to the department.

The past year has proved to be one of unusual severity to the poor. The extended depression in nearly all branches of business throughout the country, and particularly in our local industries, has forced the more necessitous to apply to the Overseers for temporary relief. It has been our endeavor not to enlarge this account beyond the plainest demands of humanity. In this connection we cannot forbear to express the hope, that through some measure of practical co-operation among the several boards of town officers, all able bodied persons receiving municipal aid may be enabled to make return for the same, in some form of faithful service.

Mr. Ira Wiley, Jr., was elected one of the Overseers at the annual meeting. Through his death, which occurred early in the season, the principal duties of the board, for the year, have, necessarilly, devolved upon us. This sad event deprived the town of an efficient and faithful officer and his associates on the board of a valued adviser. We desire to record our appreciation of his many virtues.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS N. WHITE, } Overseers of the
WM. F. YOUNG, } town of Wakefield.

COLLECTORS' STATEMENTS.

Tax of 1875.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, *Collector*.

Uncollected balance as per last report, . .		$4,945 96
Received as interest, ...		550 86
		$5,496 82
Paid Town Treasurer, . .	$4,821 09	
Abated by Assessors,. .	675 73	
		$5,496 82

Tax of 1876.

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector*.

Uncollected balance as per last report, . .		$10,308 86
Received as interest, ...		390 64
		$10,699 50
Paid Town Treasurer, . .	$6,474 89	
Abated by Assessors, . .	101 92	
		6,576 81
Balance uncollected, . .		$4,122 69

Tax of 1877.

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector.*

Total amount assessed, ...		$52,226 83
Received as interest, ...		37 45
		$52,264 28
Paid Town Treasurer, .	$40,364 89	
Abated by Assessors, . .	663 88	
Discounts allowed, . .	1,846 44	
		42 875 21
Balance uncollected, . .		$9,389 07

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAS. F. EMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

DR.

To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1877,	$6,693	94
hired on Town Notes,	23,000	00
release of tax deeds,	808	49
interest received on taxes and loans,	268	73
F. Williams, Auctioneer license,	2	00
income Town Hall,	401	07
Daniel Norcross, Auctioneer license	2	00
Sale of Town History,	35	00
Richard Britton, collector, 1876,	6,474	89
" " " 1877,	40,364	89
land rent,	25	00
liquor licenses,	450	00
C. H. Derby, highway surveyor, unexpended balance of 1876,		54
State Treasurer, pauper account,	25	65
O. V. Waterman, collector, 1875,	4,821	09
Circus License,	10	00
Sale of common grass,	20	00
" park fence,		75
W. G. Skinner, Auctioneer license,	2	00
Henry Davis, " "	2	00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	2,059	47
" " National Bank tax,	1,686	58
" " State aid,	1,800	00
" " Armory rent,	250	00
" " School fund,	220	01
First District Court, (fines, &c.),	10	00
L. H. Tasker, on account of rental for first four years of Crystal Lake, lease dated March 1, 1876,	5	00
from sale of gravel,	17	50
County Treasurer, dog tax,	337	03
from Board of Engineers,	25	00
First District Court, lockup fees,	6	00
J. M. Cate, in settlement of armory rent,	151	60
	$89,976	23

CR.

By Cash paid, Town orders,		$30,542 39
" Principal on Loan,		38,000 00
" interest,		7,340 28
" release deeds,		18 25
" State Treasurer, 1-4 liquor license receipts,		112 50
" O. V. Waterman, Collector, 1874 and 5, for deeds of real estate, sold for taxes,		1,062 32
" for register of deeds,		13 60
" State aid account,		1,909 00
" Saugus tax,		4 00
" State tax,		3,810 00
" " Bank tax,		779 55
" County tax,		2,233 73
" School Committee, State school fund,		220 01
" Library Trustees, interest on Flint memorial fund,		60 00
" Overseers of Poor, State pauper receipts,		25 65
" F. G. Coker, Lockup fees,		6 00
balance cash in Treasury,		3,838 95
		$89,976 23

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1877,		$116,600 00
since hired by Treasurer,		23,000 00
		$139,600 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1877,		38,000 00
Total Loans,		$101,600 00

Loans are now held, March 5, 1878, as follows:

Hon. Otis Norcross, due April 27, 1878,	$8,000 00
State Treasurer, due May 1, 1879,	10,000 00
Henry Bancroft Estate, due Oct. 10, 1880,	15,000 00
State Treasurer, due May 20, 1881,	19,600 00
Bonds to Bearer, 1,000 each, due June 1, 1881,	19,000 00
" " " " " May 1, 1882,	30,000 00
Total,	$101,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes and Bonds bearing interest, March 5, 1878,	$101,600 00	
Accrued Interest on Notes and Bonds to this date,	2,001 17	
ue on State Aid Pension account,	47 00	
Outstanding Town Orders,	556 88	
Total Liabilities,		$104,205 05
Cash balance in Treasury,	$3,838 95	
Due from State on account of State aid, as per return, Dec. 31, 1877,	1,888 50	
Tax deeds held by Treasurer,	1,159 27	
Due on Tax List, 1876,	4,122 68	
" " 1877,	9,389 07	
Total assets,		$20,398 47
Net debt,		$83,806 58
Net Debt as per report last year,		94,796 81
Net Debt as per report this year,		83,806 58
Decrease since 1877 report,		$10,990 23

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

	Tax.	Date of Deeds.	
Rodney Edmands,	1873,	Oct. 23, 1874,	$6 48
Rodney Edmands,	1873,	Oct. 23, 1874,	28 01
James French,	1873,	Oct. 23, 1874,	5 97
John McLoud,	1873,	Aug. 31, 1875,	7 95
John McLoud,	1873,	Aug. 31, 1875,	7 95
Walcott & Young,	1873,	Oct. 23, 1874,	5 97
J. W. Bancroft,	1874,	Aug. 3, 1876,	6 47
Rodney Edmands,	1874,	Aug. 3, 1876,	29 98
Rodney Edmands,	1874,	Aug. 3, 1876,	7 03
John Minniken,	1874,	Aug. 3, 1876,	14 30
John McLoud,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875,	8 12
John McLoud,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875,	8 12
Isaac W. Silloway,	1874,	Aug. 3, 1876,	18 23
Geo. W. Turner,	1874,	Aug. 3, 1876,	12 06
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875,	24 00
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875,	18 00
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875,	25 00
Albert Day,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	30 51
John Hill,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	15 44
Geo. H. Jackson,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	32 18
Geo. Kempton,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	7 06
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	18 78
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	99 16
Edward Mansfield,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	22 14
Caroline R. Nichols,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	75 72
Andrew J. Perham,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	43 90
A.J.Perham,W.W.Bessey	1875,	July 6, 1877,	27 15
Geo. W. Turner,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	10 41
C. Wakefield Estate,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	543 18
			$1,159 27

STATE AID.

Amount allowed various individuals for year ending March 1, 1878, . .	$1890 00	
Balance due from Treas., March 1, 1877,	66 00	
		$1956 00
The Treas. has paid of the above amount,	1909 00	
Due from Treas. to March 1, 1878, .	47 00	
		$1956 00

The amounts which have been paid each person appear in the following statement:

Israel F. Barnes,	$60 00	Sarah S. Mason,	48 00
Elizabeth Bateman,	12 00	Elizabeth Moses,	44 00
W. W. Bessey,	84 00	Johanna Orpin,	48 00
Mary V. Brown,	48 00	Esther S. Parker,	56 00
E. C. Bryant, Guardian of W. C. Bryant,	140 00	William D. Parker,	40 50
		Lucy Poland,	48 00
Augusta M. Chandler,	48 00	John P. Ross,	28 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	48 00	John S. Sargent,	22 00
Thomas W. Coombs,	84 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
Mary A. Curtis,	8 00	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
John Davis,	100 00	Geo. W. Townsend,	144 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	John Whitford,	7 00
Rodney Edmands,	60 00	Geo. N. Whiting,	54 00
Alexander Flanders,	44 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	78 00
Orlando N. Gammons,	24 00	John Wiley, 2nd,	67 50
Micah Heath,	96 00	Hiram Woodis,	102 00
Needham C. Hunter,	24 00		
George H. Jackson,	18 00		$1,909 00
Lucinda Locke,	56 00		

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen present the following report of their action upon matters within their province, for the municipal year, now closing:

STREETS.

New Salem Street. — The small unexpended balance ($6.38) of the appropriation for this street remaining from last year, has been worked out upon the street.

A petition for a town way from Salem to Sweetser street, signed by Wm. K. Perkins and others, was received, and a hearing had, but the Board declined to report the same to the town, on account of the excessive land damages demanded, believing that the advantages to be derived from the new street would not compensate the town for its high cost.

A petition was also presented for the laying out of Oak street, so-called, from Lake to Albion street, but the large expense of building the same, taken in connection with the few to be benefitted by it, has induced your Board to withhold a report in its favor.

Upon the petition of James J. Mansfield and others for the laying out, and building, a town way over the private way leading from Main to Water street, your Board have not reported on account of the large expense to which the town would be put for land damages, removal of buildings and construction of the road, although we fully realize the benefit to the travelling public of the proposed new road when it is built.

Bennett Street.—This street has been raised, widened and graded, in accordance with the vote of the town, at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Richardson Street.—This street has also been raised and graded, as per vote of the town, at an expense of one hundred and five dollars and seventy-seven cents.

PERAMBULATION OF THE TOWN LINES.

The perambulation of the line between Wakefield and Reading was made in October, and the bound stones found in proper order.

In the perambulation of the line between Wakefield and Stoneham, the bound stones were found in proper order with one exception; this has been replaced with a new stone, at an expense of eight dollars and fifteen cents (half cost.)

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide-boards have been placed upon Green, Water, Pleasant, Vernon, and New Salem streets. We are not aware of any others being required at present.

SAUGUS RIVER.

The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated by the town for changing the channel of Saugus river, so that it should become the boundary line between Wakefield and Lynnfield, but an examination of the ground showed that a much larger sum would be necessary for that purpose, and therefore, the money was placed to the credit of the Fish Committee for opening the old channel, and removing the obstructions to the passage of fish.

LICENSES.

Under the Act of April 5th, 1875, a fourth class, or druggist license, was granted to J. D. Mansfield and Wm. H. Piper, and second and third class licenses were granted to Isaac Barton, Aaron Butler, George Cox, William O. Evans, Thomas Lally, Mary Cox, and Mary Welch, for the sale of malt liquors, cider and light wines, and the license fees, amounting to four hundred and fifty dollars, were paid into the town treasury.

TOWN HISTORIES.

Sixty-three copies of the Town History remained on hand at the close of the last year. Of these, thirty-five have been sold during the year, and the proceeds ($35.00) paid to the Town Treasurer.

ARMORY RENT.

The balance due from John M. Cate ($151.60) in settlement of Armory rent, has been paid to the Town Treasurer, and a new contract has been entered into between Mr. Cate and the Selectmen, for the use of the Armory hall and anterooms, at a rent of $350 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) JAMES OLIVER, R. L. MURKLAND, B. B. BURBANK, *Selectmen of Wakefield.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The following is the valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, taxed in this town May 1st, 1877:

Real Estate, . . .	$3,205,370 00	
Personal " . . .	711,585 00	
		$3,916,955 00
Residents' bank stock, (National Bank of So. Reading,)		47,725 00
Total valuation, . . .		$3,964,680 00
Whole number of Polls, 1310.		
Tax, $2 00		2,620 00
Rate of taxation, $12,30 per $1,000 00		
Total amount assessed, including residents' bank stock and overlay, ...		$51,399 68
Whole number of Dwelling Houses taxed,		1,043
" " " Horses	"	264
" " " Cows	"	200
" " " Acres of Land	"	3,914 3-4
Value of Real Estate and Machinery of Corporations, ...		$421,870 00
Value of Real Estate in Wakefield exempted by law from taxation, ...		$144,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) JAMES OLIVER, DAVID PERKINS, J. S. EATON, } *Assessors of Wakefield.*

Wakefield, March 2, 1878.

ENGINEERS' REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1878.

The Fire Department consists of two hand Engines, one Hook and Ladder Truck, one Chemical Engine with twenty-five hundred feet of hose, all in good condition.

The Board appointed eighty-seven members, divided as follows:—Yale Engine Co., fifty-seven men; Washington Hook and Ladder Co., twenty men; Chemical Engine Co., twelve men.

At a meeting of the Board of Engineors, held in May last, a committee from the C. Wakefield Engine Company informed the Board that the members wanted pay for their services the coming year. We advised them to lay the matter before the town at the next meeting, as we understood the appropriation committee did not include the payment of the C. Wakefield Company.

FIRES.

The losses during the past year have been small compared with previous years. Following is a list of fires for the year ending March 1st, 1878:

June 5. Dwelling house at Woodville, loss $400.

June 10. Shed connected with Osgood's factory on Albion street, loss $40.

Aug. 3. In dwelling house corner of Bryant and Vernon streets, loss $5.

Aug. 16. Stack of hay on Bennett street.

Dec. 4. Dwelling house on Prospect street near Stoneham line, loss $400.

The Engineers caused a well to be built near the Yale Engine house at a cost of $36.90.

Also purchased 100 feet of hose for the Chemical Engine, at a cost of $20.32.

The Board would recommend the town to appropriate the sum of $120, for the purpose of painting, papering and carpeting the Hall of the Yale Engine House.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. F. LITTLEFIELD,
H. L. DAY,
C. H. DAVIS,
} *Engineers of the Fire Department.*

POLICE REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the town of Wakefield :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report of the doings of the Police force for the year ending March 1, 1878.

Whole number of arrests,		118
Arrested for	carrying concealed weapons,	1
"	violation of Town By-Law,	1
"	obtaining goods by false pretences,	1
"	stubborn child,	1
"	unlawfully fishing,	1
"	bastardy,.	1
"	contempt of court,	1
"	adultery,	1
"	capias for witness,	1
"	arson,	2
"	breaking and entering,	3
"	surety of the peace,	3
"	insanity,	3
"	violation of dog law, for keeping dog without license,	4
"	keeping unmuzzled dog,	4
"	disturbing the peace,	4
"	cruelty to animals,	5
"	unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors,	7
"	vagrancy,	7
"	larceny,	12

Arrested for malicious mischief,	15
" drunkenness,	19
" assault and battery,	21

Tramps to the number of 35 have been furnished lodgings at the lockup during the year.

I would suggest in this connection that an additional room be finished to be used in conjunction with the lockup for this class of wanderers, and to rid the almshouse of a nuisance.

I am, gentlemen, very truly, your obedient servant,

DANIEL CAREY,

WAKEFIELD, March 1, 1878. *Chief of Police.*

FISH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In presenting our second annual report we desire to express our gratification at the cordial manner in which our efforts have been seconded by the people; exceptions have been met with of course, but those very exceptions have been so presented in contrast to our general experience, as to exhibit their authors in so narrow-minded and selfish a light as to make us more keenly appreciate the public spirit and good will of the majority.

When we presented our last report it was understood that all the fishways on the Saugus River were to be completed early in April last. Messrs. Pranker & Co., of Saugus, had theirs completed at that time, but as Mr. Scott, the owner of the dam *below* theirs, did not complete his until June, theirs, of course, was useless until that time. Mr. Philip Hone, the owner of the next dam *above* Pranker's, was given his choice by Mr. Brackett of the State Commission to either build a fishway over his dam or hoist his gate and give the fish the natural channel of the river during the time they are usually running. He preferred to do the latter, and last year, as soon as the fishways below were completed, we requested him to hoist it, which he did very readily, and it is expected that he will hoist it again this spring as soon as it is time for the fish to begin running. The next dam above his is the one in Montrose. It is owned by Messrs. Pranker & Co., of Saugus, who built a fishway there as soon as they were furnished with plans. The next and last dam on this river is at the saw mill on Vernon street; it is owned by Mr. W. A. Kenrick, who has arranged the waste gate so that there is no necessity for a fishway at this dam.

During the past year that portion of the river which was so nearly filled as to prevent the passage of fish, has been

thoroughly cleaned out; the town of Lynnfield paying one-half the expense of cleaning that portion of it which is on the line between the two towns, and this town the balance.

Considering the fact that one year since it was impossible for migratory fish to ascend this river beyond Scott's dam in Saugus, and that to-day they have an unobstructed passage-way to Lake Quannapowitt, this town has reason to congratulate itself on the progress it has made in this important branch of industry. Now that our river has been reopened, it is capable of being so restocked with useful fishes that at their proper season all may have an opportunity to catch and consume. Once it was possible for every family in this town to take a supply of alewives from this river each year, but this is no longer the case; but in a few years it can be so restocked that it will furnish to all not only an abundance of these fish, but probably of shad and salmon.

LAKE QUANNAPOWITT.

As directed by vote of the town, we have taken, in its behalf, a lease of this lake *for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes*, for the term of fifteen years from May 1st, 1877. The conditions in the lease are, that *no* fishing shall be allowed during the first four and last one year of said term, and that at least one hundred black bass of an average weight of at least one and one-half pounds each should be placed in the lake alive and in good condition during the first year of the lease; this last condition has been complied with. Immediately after the lease was received, notices were posted in the vicinity of the lake, stating that it had been leased, and that any person fishing therein previous to May 1st, 1881, would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Thus far we have had but one violation of this condition, which was promptly disposed of, and sincerely hope that it will not be again violated, as our fish and fisheries are the capital of the town, and we are all interested in their preservation alike, and it is the duty of every good citizen to see that this condition of the lease is lived up to.

ALEWIVES.

In May last we placed about two hundred of these fish in the lake; they were taken from Strawberry Brook in Lynn, at no expense to us except for transportation, (the Fish Commissioners of that city very kindly giving us permission to take them on the days when fishing was prohibited on that stream.) These fish during the summer spawned in the lake, and in September their young left it by the thousand for the salt water, Next year it will be necessary to place another lot of them in the lake, as the young females do not return to where they were bred until they are two or three years old, and it is exceedingly doubtful if any of the old ones which we placed there last year reach our water again this year. It seems to be the opinion of many that in opening a river for the passage of fish, that all that it is necessary to do, is to simply build fishways over its dams, and that when this is done the fish will run to its headwaters of their own accord; this is not so, the instincts of migratory fishes teaches them to return to the place where they were bred. All of these fish in this river, previous to 1877, were bred below Pranker & Co.'s dam, and there they returned; now and then one might have, and probably did, find its way through the fishways in Saugus, but this was the exception rather than the rule, but no alewives reached our lake except those that were carried there.

SHAD.

We expected before this to have our river stocked with these fish; the State Commissioners promised to supply us with about fifty thousand of their young last July, but our name being unfortunately the last on the list, and the supply of adult fish falling short unexpectedly, they were obliged to suspend operations at the hatching station at South Hadley. Falls before reaching our order, but we have been promised a supply for this year, and trust that we shall not again be disappointed.

CALIFORNIA SALMON.

In December last we placed about ten thousand of these fish in the river, which, with the lot placed there in 1876, makes upward of twenty thousand of this valuable variety of fish which have been placed in this river during the last two years. Their introduction to a stream of this size is an experiment, and it is to be hoped that it will prove successful, but time alone will decide it. It is intended to keep on placing them there each year until *it is* decided, which will probably be in about four years. These fish stand the extremes of heat and cold far better than the Atlantic Salmon, and for that reason it is thought that their introduction to a stream of this size will be successful.

BLACK BASS.

In July last we contracted for two hundred and fifty of these fish, with which to stock our lake; on August 30th we received thirty-three of them (four of which afterward died); September 25th, one hundred and fifteen; October 25th, one hundred and fifteen more, making in all two hundred and fifty-nine of them that were placed in Lake Quannapowitt alive and in good condition. They weighed from three-fourths of a pound to five pounds each, which is a very good stock for a lake of this size, and by the time it is open to fishing it cannot help being well stocked with these fish, which not only afford good sport for the angler, but good solid food for the table.

LAND-LOCKED SALMON.

In May last we placed upward of six thousand of the fry of these fish in the lake; as they have not, to our knowledge, been seen since, it is impossible to tell anything about them. That in Maine, the home of these fish, they do well in lakes inhabited by pickerel is well known, but whether they will succeed in lakes inhabited by both pickerel and bass remains to be seen, but it is thought that they will. We have been promised still another lot of them for this spring, and it is to be hoped that their introduction to our lake will be success-

ful, as they are a very gamey fish, and as good, if not better, eating than the Sea Salmon.

During the month of May, it will, in our opinion, be desirable to stock the lake with fresh water Smelts; these fish can be obtained in any desired quantity; the only expense is for catching and transportation, which for the quantity we want will probably not exceed thirty dollars.

It will also be necessary to place another lot of Alewives in the lake this spring, the expense of which will not exceed twenty-five dollars.

The expense of transporting the Shad, which have been ordered, will be about thirty dollars.

As we have a balance of about forty-five dollars on hand, an appropriation of fifty dollars will be sufficient for stocking the river and lake as here suggested, and for the necessary expenses of the Fish Committee during the ensuing year.

It is to us a matter of gratification that our river and lake are so well stocked with valuable fishes that they cannot fail of yielding a large return in valuable food and in innocent recreation, but let us not stop here, but endeavor by the introduction of new varieties to so stock our waters that they will furnish us with food that will suit all tastes. The only expense is the first outlay, which in this case is quite small; their growth and increase after they are once introduced will cost us nothing; nature supplies their food, and man is relieved from any further trouble about them. It is also gratifying to us that we have not only stocked the river and lake with a much larger number of fish than was at first intended, but have been able to keep within the appropriation made by the town.

In conclusion we will say that it has been our effort to so protect and develop the interests consigned to our care, that they may become an increased source of wealth to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR STOWELL,
CHESTER P. POLAND,
THOMAS GOULD,
} *Fish Committee.*

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Ricker, Martha May	Female	January 4	Geo. E. and Hattie M. (Pearson)	Show.case manuf'r.
2	McCormick, Kate	"	6	Frank and Mary (Collins)	Laborer.
3	Welsh, James	Male	7	Bartholomew and Kate (Quinn)	Blacksmith.
4	O'Connell, John F	"	18	Jeremiah and Margaret (Lynch)	Teamster.
5	Greany, Mary	Female	25	Patrick and Margaret (Greany)	Laborer.
6	Millerick, Johanna	"	29	James and Johanna (Trahey)	Laborer.
7	Greenough, William Weare	Male	29	William S. and Elizabeth M. (Noyes)	Stationer.
8	Regan, Francis E	"	February 3	Timothy and Mary (Lyons)	Teamster.
9	Linnell, Lulu May	Female	9	Arthur S. and Ida M. (Wiley)	Chair maker.
10	Campbell, Charles C	Male	13	James and Matilda A. (Lenfest)	Teamster.
11	Perry, Mabel Inez	Female	13	Austin E. and Clara A. (Reed)	Machinist.
12	Dodge, Edgar Adams	Male	17	Arthur P. and Elizabeth A. (Day)	Broker.
13	Cann, Mabel	Female	20	Thomas and Aurelia (Traister)	Machinist.
14	Morgan, Agnes	"	23	Hugh and Mary (Orpin)	Mason.
15	Kendall, Ida May	"	25	Alvah S. and Harriet A. (Worthley)	Cabinet maker.
16	Russell, Emma S	"	27	Joseph W. and Annie (Egan)	Laborer.
17	Abbott, Charles F	Male	March 1	Osceola H. and Flora H. (Parker)	Paper hanger.
18	Taylor, Mary Ann	Female	3	John and Elizabeth (Burns)	Trader.
19	Curley, William Thomas	Male	3	Martin J. and Ellen V. (Perkins)	Laborer.
20	Maloney, Patrick	"	5	John J. and Maria (Healey)	Laborer.
21	Shanahan, Agnes M	Female	6	Jeremiah J. and Mary J. (Monahan)	Commission merch'nt.
22	Edgecomb, Nettie Ray	"	10	Charles H. and Sadie F. (Ripley)	Brush maker.
23	White, Grace Stearns	"	16	John W. and Henrietta M. (Stearns)	Merchant.
24	Kenney, Charlotte	"	23	Patrick and Bridget (Maginnis)	Laborer.
25	Cheney, Grace Lillian, twins	"	23	Charles A. and Ellen F. (Coon)	News dealer.
26	Cheney, Ernest Linwood, twins	Male	24		
27	Kennedy, Julia	Female	24	Michael and Hannah (Barrett)	Carpenter.
28	Holt, Lilla Eaton	"	April 8	Arthur E. and Phebe A. (Mears)	Razor-strop maker.
29	Holbrook, Harry Loramer	Male	15	Benjamin F. and Harriet M. (Partridge)	Draughtsman.
30	Anderson, James	"	16	James and Johanna (McDonald)	Weaver.
31	Downing, John	"	16	John and Julia (Barry)	Laboror.
32	Hentz, Frederic Linnell	"	19	Frederic W. and Lizzie A. (Linnell)	Expressman.
33	Stowell, Alice May	Female	19	George H. and Nellie F. (Pratt)	Salesman.
34	Ruggles, Alicia	"	21	Henry S. and Mary E. (Ryan)	Clerk.
35	Sweeney, Mary Ann	"	May 5	William and Annie (Mulrey)	Laborer.
36	Newhall, Frank Edson	Male	10	Frank E. and Carrie O. (Hale)	Canvasser.
37	Hudson, Lena Mabel	Female	12	Albert J. and Lizzie L. (White)	Canvasser.
38	Newman, Ethel	"	19	J. Frank and M. Ella (Winship)	Dentist.

39	Landers, Charlotte M.	Female	May	21	John and Margaret (Welsh)	Laborer.	
40	Reardon, John W.	Male		25	Patrick and Mary (Whelan)	"	
41	Morrison, Cora Addie	Female		26	Charles H. and Ida M. (Earle)	Carpenter.	
42	Counihan, John E.	Male		29	Cornelius C. and Mary C. (Ryan)	Baker.	
43	Taylor, Warren V.	"	June	5	Warren V. and Susie E. (Cutler)	Meat Dealer.	
44	Downs, John W.	"		7	Patrick and Kate (Atkinson)	Laborer.	
45	Ronan, Arthur Owen	"		19	Michael and Mary (Flannery)	Shoe Maker.	
46	Williamson, Jennie M. } Twins	Female		22	James and Isabella (Kee)	Basket Maker.	
47	Williamson, Mary Ethel. }	"		22		" "	
48	Coakley, John F.	Male		23	Michael and Annie (Curran)	Laborer.	
49	Buckley, Clarence Eaton	"		27	Samuel and Ella E. (Eaton)	Millwright.	
50	Hicks, Catherine A.	Female		30	Thomas and Annie (Connell)	Laborer.	
51	Lally, Mary Ann	"	July	1	Thomas and Ann (Conners)	"	
52	Darling, Robert	Male		1	David H. and Mary H. (Evans)	Banking.	
53	Tyler, Annie R.	Female		10	John H. and Mary C. (Peabody)	Shoemaker.	
54	Hamilton, George G.	Male		10	Charles R. and Maggie (Mahoney)	Watchmaker.	
55	Cobb, Sarah Gray	Female		15	Benjamin B. and Sarah M. (Curtis)	Moulder.	
56	Fairbanks, Martha G.	"		15	Zephaniah F. and Katie (Crowley)	Painter.	
57	Poland, George M.	Male		16	J. Warren and Ella M. (Morrison)	Salesman.	
58	White, Sarah Edith	Female		17	Ira E. and Sarah I. (Pearl)	Musician.	
59	Coffey, John M.	Male		18	John V. and Bridget A. (Lynch)	Clerk.	
60	Daniels, Bertha Ellen	Female		18	William B. and Margaret J. (Armour)	Machinist.	
61	Ahlert, Albert W.	Male		26	William and Elizabeth (Dacy)	Weaver.	
62	McDougal, Eva P.	Female		30	Chester A. and Mary P. (Dean)	Moulder.	
63	Howland, Oliver Watts	Male	August	6	William J. and Emma F. (Perkins)	Druggist.	
64	Staples, Dana P.	"		8	Moses and Mary A. (Parker)	Carpenter.	
65	Ahern, Barbara	Female		9	John and Catherine (Connell)	Laborer.	
66	Beebe, Cyrus Frederic	Male		12	Lucius M. and Mary E. (Speck)	Merchant.	
67	Haskell, E. Harry	"		13	Henry L. and Sarah Ann (Newhall)	Carpenter.	
68	Crowley, Julia F.	Female		22	Peter and Hannah (McCarty)	Laborer.	
69	Foley, Thomas	Male		23	Patrick and Ellen (Horgan)	Laborer.	
70	Shanahan, Alice	Female		30	Daniel E. and Elizabeth A. (Wallace)	Laborer.	
71	Anderson, Arthur Oscar	Male		31	Andrew G. and Augusta (Odman)	Chairmaker.	
72	Gammons, Warren H.	"	Sept.	9	Herbert W. and Mary A. (Armstrong)	Moulder.	
72	Parks, Maud	Female		10	Clarence A. and Helen S. (French)	Attorney.	
74	O'Connell, John W.	Male		13	Thomas and Ellen (Mahoney)	Laborer.	
75	Kirby, Eleanor	Female		15	Thomas and Catherine (Lehey)	Engineer.	
76	Haskell, Frederic White	Male		17	Henry and Abbie M. (Aborn)	Shoe manufacturer.	
77	Butler, Abbie Estelle	Female		23	Aaron and Abbie A (Taylor)	Trader.	
78	Kirk, Lawrence H.	Male		29	John and Ellen J. (Lyman)	Salesman.	
79	Greany, Mary	Female		30	William and Mary (Connell)	Laborer.	
80	Hopkins, Mary F.	"	Oct.	2	Thomas and Mary A. (Shaughnessey)	Miner.	
81	Landrigan, Mary	"		4	Patrick and Charlotte (Manning)	Laborer.	
82	Skinner, Hervey Judson	Male		7	Thomas J. and Harriet E. (Brown)	Wholesale grocer.	
83	Atherton, William C.	"		7	William S. and S. Belle (Caldwell)	Grocer.	
84	Daley, Annie E.	Female		9	Dennis and Ellen (Daley)	Farmer.	

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877 (Concluded).

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
85	Cutler, Emma C.	Female	Oct. 14	David C. and Estella A. (Mead)	Grocer.
86	Freeby, Annie	"	16	Benjamin and Johanna (Maloney)	Laborer.
87	Jenkins, Ethel May	"	19	Charles W. and Martha M. (Potter)	Provision dealer.
88	Kendrick, Alfred W	Male	19	Lewis J. and Theresa (Willis)	Farmer.
89	Sweetser, Adelaide E.	Female	26	Edward N. and Eugenie (Wheelock)	Shoe maker.
90	Rideout, Arthur E.	Male	Nov. 2	Henry M. and Addie P. (Wallace)	Canvasser.
91	Barry, Elizabeth	Female	9	William and Julia (McDonald)	Seaman.
92	Hunt, Edgar	Male	12	Daniel W. and Annie A. (Dobson)	Expressman.
93	Pierce, Frederick H.	"	18	George H. and Eveline G. (McCurdy)	Dentist.
94	Casey, Thomas J.	"	20	Francis and Bridget (Barrett)	Clerk.
95	Cosman, Richard A.	"	21	Frederic M. and Sarah A. (Stack)	Stove mounter.
96	Brennan, Lottie Theresa	Female	23	Dennis and Mary (Eager)	Laborer.
97	Harkins, Mary Lillian	"	23	John E. and Mary F. (McBride)	Tailor.
98	Mansfield, Joseph H	Male	Dec. 3	Albert A. and Carrie E. (Newhall)	Coal dealer.
99	Butler, Edmund	"	3	Edmund and Mary (Desmond)	Laborer.
100	Smith, Jennie E.	Female	11	Frank W. and Mary E. (Davis)	Salesman.
101	Sullivan, Julia M.	"	18	Jeremiah and Honora (Healey)	Shoe maker.
102	Mertens, Jennie	"	20	John and Theresa (Brenal)	Machinist.
103	Quigley, Robert Alexander	Male	31	John and Letitia M. (Hodson)	Shoe maker.

Births not registered in 1876.

Name of Child.	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
Regan, John	Male	May 10	John and Hannah (Coakley)	Weaver.
Mansfield, Alice A.	Female	June 3	Albert A. and Carrie A. (Newhall)	Coal dealer.
Noonan, Ellen	"	Aug. 23	James and Catherine (Mead)	Laborer.
Sullivan, John F.	Male	Oct. 18	John and Mary J. (Welsh)	Painter.
Devlin, Kate	Female	Nov. 17	James and Annie A. (Comer)	Tailor.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Jan. 3	Warren, Edwin R....	38	Wakefield	Seaman.....	Topsham, Me...	Edwin R. and Mary H.....	First....	Rev. Henry O. Thayer,
	Leonard, Ellen R	30	Woolwich, Me		Woolwich, Me..	William and	"	Woolwich, Me.
4	Pratt, Joseph A.....	41	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Shoe Man-	Bridgewater....	Leonard and Clarissa.....	First....	Rev. Austin S. Garver,
	Thayer, Mary H.....	36	Wakefield	ufacturer.	Boston	Charles E. and Nancy.....	"	Wakefield.
17	Wrisley, Charles F...	24	Quincy	Salesman...	Quincy	Charles E. and Eunice.....	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser.
	Turnbull, Sarah S. J.	23	Wakefield		Wakefield	Alexander and Dorothy E.....	"	Wakefield.
17	Richardson, Chas. H.	22	Stoneham	Express-	Stoneham	William H. and Susan N....	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser,
	Spinney, Flora.....	19	"	man.	Reading	Benjamin and Mary A.....	"	Wakefield.
Feb. 13	Coakley, Michael J...	23	Wakefield	Laborer....	Ireland.....	John and Honora	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Curran, Annie M.....	20	"		Plymouth.....	John and Annie.	"	Wakefield.
Mar. 17	Griffin, Harry W.....	27	Lawrence	Teamster...	Granby, Vt.....	Edward D. and Hannah M.....	First....	Rev. John Peterson,
	Clough, F. E. (Griffin)	27	"		Groveton, N. H.	Beriah and	Second..	Wakefield.
31	Taylor, Henry A.....	26	Wilmington ..	Carpenter ..	Wilmington	Elbridge and Abby L.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss,
	Simonds, Inez J.....	19	"		"	Benjamin and Helen M.....	"	Wakefield.
	Tucker, James L.....	24	Wakefield	Farmer.....	Salisbury, N. H.	Oliver N. and Elizabeth B.....	First....	Rev. W. H. Hatch,
	Thurston, ElizabethM	25	Lynnfield		Alton, N. H.....	Miles and Eliza.....	"	Lynnfield.
April 9	Finnegan, Edward...	21	Lawrence	Hair-dresser	Lawrence	Martin and Julia.....	First....	Rev. Quincy Whitney,
	O'Brien, Mary.....	21	Wakefield		Wakefield	John and Mary	"	Wakefield.
15	Smith, William H....	23	Wakefield	Stone-mason	Nova Scotia.....	Luke and Jane.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Doucett, Annie E.....	18	"		"	John and Fanny.....	"	Wakefield.
21	Finney, Louis M.....	22	Haverhill.....	Shoemaker.	Carver	Benjamin and Ruth, E.....	First....	Rev. Benjamin Finney,
	Bliss, Lizzie (Andrews	30	Boston.....		Dover, N. H....	Benjamin and Louisa.....	Second..	Wakefield.
May 8	Butman, George W...	31	Wakefield	Rattan	Enfield, N. H...	Stephen and Lemira W.....	First....	Rev. Will. C. Wood,
	Perkins, Katie.....	22	Wenham.....	Worker.	Wenham.....	Daniel and Elsie J.....	"	Wenham.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
May 19	Graham, Edward....	27	Wakefield	Musician ...	Montreal, Ca....	Charles and Margaret.....	First....	Rev. George Walker,
	Mellett, Anne L	22	"		London, Eng...	Edward and Ann.....	"	Wakefield.
31	Hinkley, Eugene S...	29	Wakefield	Bookkeeper.	Gardiner, Me...	David and Mary.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard,
	Sherman, Lizzie.....	28	Hampden, Me.		Hampden, " ...	Micah and Eliza	"	Wakefield.
June 4	Whittemore, Gerry F.	26	Wakefield	Salesman...	Wakefield	Joshua and Catherine.....	Second..	Rev. Clark R. Moor,
	Thomas Sarah L	25	"		Yarmouth, Me.	George W. and Eliza A.....	First....	Wakefield.
10	Desmond, Timothy...	32	Peabody.....	Tanner	Ireland	Daniel and Julia.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Coughlan, Julia.....	27	Wakefield		"	James and Ellen	"	Wakefield.
20	Measures, Alfred.....	19	Wakefield	Shoemaker..	Woburn.....	Alfred and Caroline.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Welsh, Mary E.....	20	"		Wakefield.....	Patrick and Ellen.....	"	Wakefield.
21	Kent, J. Frank.....	23	Wakefield	Mason.....	Wolfboro, N. H.	George W. and Mary F.....	First....	Rev. J. L. Hanaford,
	Rich, Carrie C.....	21	Saugus		Saugus	William H. and Louisa.....	"	Reading.
30	Woods, John S.....	45	Brookline.....	Supt. of St.	Roxbury.....	John and Eunice.....	Second..	Rev. Quincy Whitney,
	Dimmock, Anna W...	21	"	Lights.	Templeton.....		First....	Wakefield.
July 18	Sheldon, Herbert F...	22	Wakefield	Wire	Wakefield.....	Isaac F. and Lucy A.....	First....	Rev. Edward Mills,
	Stinson, M. Lizzie ...	22	Stoneham.....	worker.	Stoneham.....	John and Julia.....	"	Woburn.
25	Emerson, Howard B..	34	Boston	Razor Strop	Charlestown....	Charles and Sarah B.....	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser,
	Young, Mary D. (Dove)	27	"	Manuf'.	New York City.	Henry and Henrietta.....	Second..	Wakefield.
26	Sullivan, Michael....	29	Malden.....	Tanner	Ireland	John and Mary.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Donovan, Ann.....	27	Wakefield		"	Cornelius and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.
30	Gove, Louis.....	37	Lynnfield.....	Cook.....	Lynn	Jeremiah and Eliza	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser,
	Gove, Eliza (Whiting)	29	"		Nahant	Thomas P. and Harriet A.....	Second..	Wakefield.
Aug. 23	Barry, William.....	22	Wakefield	Sailor.....	Ireland	William and Eliza.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	McDonald, Julia.....	22	"		"	John and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.

24	Buxton, Charles A...	26	No. Reading..	Cordwainer	No. Reading....	E. Bolles and Ruth..... ...	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser,	
	Bachelder, Carrie F..	18	" ...		"	Josiah and Maria.....	"	Wakefield.	
28	Roby, Luther A.,2nd.	23	Nashua, N. H.	Drau'tsman	Nashua, N. H..	Cyrus T. and Caroline T.....	First....	S. K. Hamilton, Justice	
	Lane, Addie C.....	22	Wakefield		Wakefield	David P. and Sarah G.....	"	of Peace, Wakefield.	
Sept. 1	Emmons, D. Taylor..	38	Wakefield	Carpenter..	Lyman, Me.....	Dimon and Jerusha.....	Second..	Rev. J. P. Simonds,	
	Yates, M. Louisa....	33	Round Pond Me		Round Pond, Me	Alexander and Jane..... ...	First....	Bristol, Me.	
19	Mansfield, William P.	23	Wakefield	Chairmaker	Cambridgeport.	Elbridge G. and Elizabeth A....	First....	Rev. Thos. B. Thayer,	
	Thomas, Carrie D....	22	"		Yarmouth, Me..	George W. and Eliza Ann.....	"	Wakefield.	
12	Holden, Levi F.....	21	Stoneham	Mason		Amasa and Celia.....	First....	Rev. Quincy Whitney,	
	Spurr, Minnie R.....	19	"				"	Wakefield.	
Oct. 2	Frost, William H.....	22	Wakefield	Painter	Marblehead	Joseph and Hannah S.....	First....	Rev. J. V. Hilton,	
	Wright, Mary L.....	18	"		Charlestown ...	Emery F. and Sophia B.....	"	Boston.	
Sept. 27	Harnden, John W....	23	Wakefield	Barber.....	Stoneham	James and Delia.....	First....	Rev. J. J. Lewis,	
	Emma A. Hawkes...	20	Lynn.....		Lynn	William R. and Rebecca.....	"	So. Boston.	
Oct. 1	Stetson, Everett W...	29	Wakefield....	Expressman	[Me. Damariscotta,	Melvin and Lucy.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard,	
	Batchelder, Mary E. (Rose).	26	"		London, Eng...	George and Mary Rose.....	Second..	Wakefield.	
15	McCarty, Charles....	35	Wakefield....	Laborer ...	Ireland	Charles and Julia	Second..	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Riley, Margaret.....	31	Lawrence		"		First....	Wakefield.	
23	Low, John.....	25	Wakefield....	Book-keeper	Boston	James and Mary.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Gaffey, Rosanna F...	25	"		Jamaica Plain..	Thomas and Rosa	"	Wakefield.	
Nov. 10	Upham, Artnur L....	24	Melrose	Mail-driver	Melrose	—— Hannah A.....	First....	S. K. Hamilton, Justice	
	Rowe, Dolly E.....	19	"		Stoneham.....	Amos and Jennie.....	"	of Peace, Wakefield.	
5	Welch, Thomas.....	20	Lowell.....	Laborer ...	Wakefield.....	Patrick and Ellen.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Chamberlain, Julia..	18	Wakefield....		Montreal, Ca....	Lewis and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.	
17	Doherty, Joseph B...	31	Stoneham	Currier	Boston	John and Catherine...	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Hanglin, Mary E.....	26	Wakefield....		E. "	Jeremiah J. and Elizabeth.....	"	Wakefield.	
12	Wallace, William L..	33	Sandwich, NH	Shoe-maker	Sandwich, N. H.	John B. and Ann S.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard.	
	Wallace, Addle.....	29	"		"	Charles B. and Serena..... ...	"	Wakefield.	
14	McNeill, Henry.....	28	Wakefield....	Chair-maker	[N. S. Londonderry,	Robert and Jerusha.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard.	
	Wilder, Helen F.....	27	"		Wakefield.....	George and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Nov. 21	Manning, George E..	24	Reading.....	Laborer....	Richmond, N.H.	Thomas and Martha.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Lovejoy, Ida M.....	22	"		Andover	William and Laura.....	"	
22	Childs, Austin P.....	30	Reading.....	Farmer.....	Woburn.....	Prentiss and Esther.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Parker, Harriet A....	32	Wakefield		Andover	Simeon and Fanny.....	"	
28	Ritchie, Frank P.....	21	Chelsea	Moulder....	Roxbury	Alfred A. and Kate.....	First....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
	Perham, Jessie A....	19	Wakefield		Woodstock, Me.	Joshua A. and Mary.....	"	
28	Wright, Dexter C....	37	Wakefield	Milk dealer.	Wakefield	Nathaniel C. and Julia.....	Third...	Rev. Wm. H. Willcox, Wakefield.
	Arrington, Abby A. (Weston).	38	"		Reading.....	Sumner and Electa.....	Second..	
Dec. 18	Dennis, George M....	29	Melrose	Merchant...	Rockland, Me..	Selah G. and Bethiah..	First....	Rev. Wm. W. Newton.. Boston.
	Noyes, Charlotte A...	19	Wakefield		Melrose.....	Charles M. and Helen H.....	"	
23	Tuttle, Arthur S.....	19	Chelsea	Watchman .	Saugus	Andrew J. and Lucy B.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Knight, Clara A.....	17	"		Scarboro', Me ..	Zebulon and Hannah.....	"	
25	Taylor, Ezra B.....	22	Worcester....	Tailor	Tennesee.....	Burgess and Mary F.....	First....	Rev. Wm. Pentecost, Worcester.
	Butterfield, Carrie E.	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	William J. and Sarah J.....	"	
25	Shepard, James H...	25	Wakefield	Civil Engineer.	Boston	Charles F. and Susan B.....	First....	Rev. Frederic Wood, Ipswich.
	Cate, Harriet A.....	26	"		Reading.....	Horatio W. and Sarah Ann.....	"	
25	Delano, George B....	21	Stoneham.....	Printer	Poland, Me.....	Otis B. and Margaret A.....	First....	Rev. C. W. Wilder, Stoneham.
	Cobb, Jennie A.....	21	Wakefield		Dorchester.....	Merrit M. and Janet.....	"	
25	Stockbridge, Chas. A.	23	Wakefield	Salesman...	Peru, Me..... .	Abijah W. and Joanna.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard. Wakefield.
	Young, Estella M....	18	"		Malden.....	George E. and Sarah F.....	"	
30	Taylor, Felix.....	25	Wakefield	Trader.....	London, Eng..	William and Mary A.....	First....	Rev. Chas. L. Hutchins, Medford.
	Deaven, Ellen.....	18	Medford.....		Brooklyn, N. Y.	Robert and Elizabeth	"	

Deaths registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 9	Towle, Mary Jane (Kirk)	26	8	9	Married		Wakefield	Joseph and Mary	Heart Disease.
9	McMahan		..	7h			"	Thomas and Bridget	Loss of Vitality.
13	Jones, Maggie	13	9	24	Single		Ireland	William and Agnes	Pneumonia.
21	Wheeler, Mary Skinner	71	..	4	Widow	Housewife	Wakefield	Thomas and Mary	Diabetes.
23	Morsman, Sarah F.	30	2		Single		Springvale, Me.	William H. and Abigail	Spinal Disease.
27	Kenney, Katie E.	32	2	8	"		Wakefield	Patrick and Mary	Tubercu'os.
29	Brennan, John D.	1	7	1	"		"	Dennis and Mary	
Feb. 2	Vinton, James	72	5	15	"	Farmer	"	John and Mary	Ossification of Heart.
3	Hicks, Rosa A.		10	21	"		"	Thomas and Annie	Convulsions.
18	Linnell, Lulu May		..	9	"		"	Arthur P. and Ida M.	"
Mar. 7	Cox, Timothy	39	..		Married	Shoemaker	Ireland	Thomas and Nancy	Consumption.
6	Kendall Ida M.		...	10	Single		Wakefield	Alvah S. and Hannah A.	Erysipelas.
9	Mann		..		Male		"	Josiah H. and Emily A.	Still-born.
9	Whittier, True M.	70	3	7	Married	Physician	Readfield	Moses and Lydia	Heart Disease.
12	O'Neil, Daniel J.		7	8	Single		Wakefield	William and Hannah	Inflam. Bowels, Hem'ge
25	Potter, Fred Lawrence	13	11	23	"		East Boston	James W. and Eliza A.	Heart Disease.
27	Scannell, David	48	..		Married	Fruit dealer	Ireland	Timothy and Margaret	Pneumonia.
April 4	Savage, Abram M.	79	11	11			No. Anson, Me.	Jacob and Hannah	Ossification of Heart.
9	Cann, Mabel		1	19	Single		Wakefield	Thomas and Aurelia	Tabes.
11	Pettengill		..		Male		"	Benjamin F. and Hattie A	Still-born.
12	Slocomb, Elizabeth E.	13	8	29	Single		Malden	John W. and Rosilla T.	Consumption.
13	Regan, John M.	7	2	21	"		Wakefield	Patrick and Margaret	Rheumatics.
15	Shanahan, Frank L.	1	8	4	"		"	Jeremiah J. and Mary	Diphtheria.
18	Stout, Lizzie A.	22	7	26	"		"	John and Elizabeth	Consumption.
25	Fitzgerald, Lillian	5	11		"		Boston	Sam'l E. and Catherine L	Membraneous Croup.
27	Dodge, Florence Jessie	20	11	27	"		Canaan, N. H.	Simeon and Sarah A. C.	Consumption.
May 3	Wiley, Robert C.	81	1	7	Married	Shoemaker	New Boston, N.H	Robert ——	Old Age.
7	Kenney, Augustus	1	4	9	Single		Wakefield	Patrick and Bridget	Bronchitis.
16	Rosson, Mabel D.		6	12	"		"	Charles P. and Emma	Inflammation of Brain.
26	Welsh, Daniel	7	..		"		"	James and Mary	Scarlet Fever.
June 1	Twiss, Lynda	74	1	10	"		Watertown	Elias and Sally	Paralysis.
3	Toomey, Delia	6	8	15	"		Wakefield	John and Sarah	Scarletina.
9	Curtis, Andrew	64	9	27	Married	Shoemaker	Middleton	Jesse and Betsey	Fish Poison.
11	McAllister, Edith A.	1	2	12	Single		Wakefield	David and Jane E.	Disease of Heart.
14	Chipman, Joseph A.	29	9	4	Married	Clerk	Boston	Joseph and Sarah B.	Pneumonia.
14	Evans, Jonas	83	6	14	"	Gentleman	Wakefield	Thomas and Rebecca	Ischuria.
24	Towle, Mary Ann (McCrillis)	55	2				Sandwich, N. H.	David and Sally	Cerebritis.
26	McCleary, Lizzie	20	5		Single		Wakefield	John and Johanna	Consumption.
July 1	Bateman, Thomas	62	2	8	Married		Ireland	Charles and Elizabeth	"

Deaths registered in the town of Wakefield in 1877.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
July 3	Donahoe, Mary	1	3	11	Single		Wakefield	Martin and Maria	Accidental Drowning.
4	Parker, Leander	25	3	17	"	Rattan worker	"	Jacob and Ruth M	Endocarditis.
5	Wiley, Mary B. E. (Eaton)	72	3	9	Married		"	Lilley and Eunice	Heart Disease.
8	Casey, Timothy	45			Single	Mason	Ireland	Timothy and Bridget	Phthisis.
12	Wood, Jane (Wade)	78		23	Married		Thomaston, Me.	Roland and Polly	Apoplexy.
21	Toomey, Johanna	1	4		Single		Wakefield	John and Sarah	Convulsions.
21	Graham			2	Female		"	Edward and Annie	Premature Birth.
26	Meade, Peter	65	5	14	Married	Flagman	Ireland	Peter and Bridget	Dysentery.
30	Knight, Harry D		7	11	Single		Wakefield	Willis H. and Bertha C.	Disease of Kidneys.
Aug. 2	Morrison, Ina Rose	6	11		"		Brookville, Me.	Charles H. and Betsey	Scarletina.
2	Wiley, Ira Jr.	51	10	22	Widower	Merchant	Wakefield	Ira and Lucetta	Heart Disease.
2	Skinner, Georgie	10		25	Single		Truro, N. S	George H. and Mary E.	Diphtheria.
4	Pratt, Ralph	89	4	3	Widower	Mason	Malden	John and Martha	Old Age.
4	Kernan, Laura		11	7	Single		Wakefield	Thomas and Annie	Dysentery.
6	Anderson, Johanna (McDon	25	8	3	Married		Nova Scotia	John and Johanna	Phthisis.
7	Derby, Alfred B.....[ald	9	4	3	Single		Lynnfield	Charles H. and Rosa L.	Diphtheria.
7	Skinner, Estella	13	6		"		Truro, N. S	George H. and Mary E.	"
13	Williamson, Mary E		1	22	"		Wakefield	James and Isabel	Marasmus.
15	Worrall, William L		9	10	"		"	Robert H. and Elizabeth	Cholera Infantum.
18	Derby, Charles H	2	11	22	"		"	Charles H. and Rosa L.	Diphtheria.
22	Staples. Dana P			14	"		"	Moses and Mary A	Hydropericarditis.
23	Sutherland, Frances B		5	10	"		Boston	J. M. and Hannah E	Enteritis.
26	Kenney, Charlotte		5		"		Wakefield	Patrick and Bridget	Consumption.
30	Tuttle, Jennie D	16	11	2	"		Saugus	Joseph and Harriet	Tuberculosis.
Sept. 5	Kelley, John F		10	28	"		Wakefield	Frank and Mary	Hydrocephalis.
8	Knight, Otis	71	3	8	Married	Shoemaker	Charlestown	Elisha and Nancy	Heart Disease.
21	Nichols, Mary G. (Green)	69	1	10	"		Wakefield	Caleb and ——	Dysentery.
21	Keyser, Charles	50	4	8	"	Clergyman	Albany, N. Y.	Peter and Dinah	Chronic Nephritis.
21	Leville, Georgianna	1	11	5	Single		Wakefield	Joseph A. and Elizabeth	Cerebral Meningitis.
21	O'Brien, Mary A	26			"		Kingston	William and Ellen	Consumpion.
23	Reed, Luther	75	8	14	Married	Shoemaker	Boston	Jacob and Annie	Congestion of Lungs.
26	Connor, John E	1	9		Single		Newmarket, N. H	James and Mary	Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 11	Campbell, Mary A	14	4		"		Canada	Thomas and Bridget	Consumption.
12	Oliver, Hollis P	13	4		"		Wakefield	John and Clara O	Enlarged Liver.
13	Dodge, Edgar Adams		7	26	"		"	Arthur P. and Elizabeth A	Tubercular Meningitis.
15	Newhall, Emily R. (Rugg)	79	4	15	Married		Lancaster	Samuel and Sarah	Hemoptysis.
17	Anderson, James		6	1	Single		Wakefield	James and Johanna	Marasmus.
30	Clayes, Dana	85		27	Widower	Clergyman	Framingham	Peter and Mary	Diabetes.
30	Slocomb, Nathan	73	1	9	Married	Cordwainer	Eden, Vt	James and Sarah	Pneumonia.

Nov. 4	Burditt, Sally J. (Mansfield).	68	10	5	Married ..		Lynnfield.....	Joseph and Dolly.....	Consumption.	
11	Wiley, Benjamin B.....	91	7	2	" ..	Shoe manuf'r.	Wakefield	James and Mary Bryant.	Old Age.	
Oct. 31	Sweetser, Lemuel.....	70	7	3	" ..	Shoemaker ...	"	Lemuel and Hannah.....	Cystitis.	
Nov. 14	Wakefield, Eliza A. (Bancroft)	55	4	8	Widow ...		Lynnfield.....	Henry and Eliza M.....	Pneumonia.	
23	Howlett, John.....	67	1	8	Married ..		Boston.....	James and Elizabeth....	Paralysis.	
25	Weary, Isabella	17			Single		Reading	James and Alice.....	Arsenical Poisoning.	
25	Leggett, T. Bruce.....	21	1	26	" ...	Druggist.....	Medford	Gabriel and Lucy M.....	Typhoid Fever.	
25	Bancroft, Charles.....	58	4	12	Married ..	Clergyman....	Montreal, Ca ...	Charles and Mary.....	Cancer of Pancreas.	
27	Wiley, Abigail N. (Pease)....	78	3	6	" ..		Lynnfield.	James and Sally.....	Consumption.	
Dec. 4	McLane, Ernest W.....	1	5	26	Single ...		Wakefield	John and Alice J.....	Heart Disease,	
5	Flanley, Michael.....	19	3		"	Agent	"	Michael and Winifred...	" "	
11	Cowdrey, Jonas.....	78	4	5	Married ..	Gentleman....	"	Aaron and Elizabeth.....	Chronic Diarrhea.	
21	McCormick, Mary.....	2	4		Single		"	Frank and Mary	Convulsions.	
24	Bridge, Theodore.....	11	10	4	"		"	Charles C. and Meribah G	Accidental Drowning.	
25	Whittemore, Eleanor (Clark).	72	7	6	Widow ...		Tewksbury.....	Samuel and Azubah.....	Paralysis.	
25	Newbegin, Emma C.....	7	5	4	Single		Boston.....	Elias J. and Helen J.....	Pneumonia.	
27	Tulley Mary (Gunning).....	50			Married ..		Ireland	Brine and Mary.....	Consumption.	
28	Brown, Chas. Edward..... ..	10	2	22	Single		Wakefield	Charles B. and Elvira J.	Diphtheretic Croup.	

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1877, ... 103

Males, ...	49
Females, ...	54

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield, . . .	10	10
Other towns in United States,	45	47
British Provinces, . . .	4	8
Ireland, ...	34	30
England, ...	3	2
Scotland, ...	2	0
Wales, ...	0	1
Sweden, ...	1	1
Prussia, ...	1	0
Belgium, ...	1	1
E. Indies, ...	0	1

Marriages registered in 1877.

Widowers, 4 Widows, 6

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield, ...	4	6
Other towns in United States, .	36	35
British Provinces, . . .	3	2
Ireland, ...	5	4
England, ...	1	2

	Grooms.	*Brides.*
Number under 20 years of age, . .	2	14
Between 20 and 30, . .	36	29
Between 30 and 40, . .	10	7
Between 40 and 50, . .	2	0

Oldest Groom,	45	Oldest Bride,	38
Youngest "	19	Youngest "	17

Deaths registered in 1877,		96
Males, 50	Females, 46	
Average age, 32 years 5 months 10 days.		
Number under 5 years of age,		29
Between 5 and 10,		7
Between 10 and 20,		12
Between 20 and 30,		10
Between 30 and 40,		2
Between 40 and 50,		2
Between 50 and 60,		6
Between 60 and 70,		6
Between 70 and 80,		15
Between 80 and 90,		4
Between 90 and 100,		1
Still-born,		2
		96

Nativity of Persons deceased.

Born in Wakefield,	49	
Other towns in the United States,	35	
British Provinces,	5	
Ireland,	7	
		96

Number of Dogs licensed in 1877,		183
Males, 172	Females, 11	
Cash paid County Treasurer,	$362 40	

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, March 11, 1878.

The Committee chosen by the Town, at a meeting held March 4th, 1878, to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated at the next annual meeting to be holden Monday, April 1, 1878, would respectfully recommend the following appropriations, viz :—

For payment of Town Debt and interest,		$12,000 00
" support of Schools,		11,000 00
" School Contingent Fund,		1,000 00
" Poor Department,		4,500 00
" Highways and Bridges,		3,000 00
" Fire Department,		2,000 00
" Salaries of town officers,		2,500 00
" Expense of Street Lamps,		1,000 00
" Town House Expenses,		1,000 00
" Miscellaneous Expenses,		1,500 00
" Beebe Town Library, for Regular Expenses, the funds now in hands of Town Treas. from dog tax, and	$100	400 00
" Publishing Catalogue,	300	
Total,		$39,900 00

We have recommended in the above list a separate appropriation for " Town House Expenses," thereby reducing the appropriations for " Miscellaneous Expenses" and " Salaries of Town Officers," to which these expenses have heretofore been charged. This appropriation is intended to cover

the expense of Heating, Lighting, Janitor's services and all usual expenses connected with the Town House Building.

We would recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1, 1878, be fixed at fifteen dollars and a sum equal to their poll tax.

We would also recommend that the compensation of Town Officers for the ensuing year's services be fixed at the following sums, viz:

For Treasurer,	$50 00
" Town Clerk,	100 00
" Board of Selectmen,	400 00
" " Assessors,	350 00
" " Overseers of the Poor,	150 00
" School Committee,	200 00
" Fire Engineers,	75 00
" Auditors,	100 00
" Tax Collector, for collecting Tax Warrant of 1878,	400 00
" Police Services and Constables,	400 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. GREENOUGH,
WM. F. YOUNG,
T. E. BALCH,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
EVERETT HART,
T. J. SKINNER,
E. A. UPTON,
C. F. RICHARDSON,
G. H. SWEETSER,
JOSEPH CONNELL,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
LEVI B. EATON,
B. W. OLIVER,
O. V. WATERMAN,
J. F. EMERSON,
Appropriation Committee.

A true copy, T. J. SKINNER, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The law imposes upon School Committees in this Commonwealth the duty of making detailed reports of the condition of the several public schools under their supervision annually, and your Committee, in the discharge of that duty, feel that they have reason to congratulate the inhabitants of the town upon the generally healthy condition of the schools in their municipality. While during the past year the schools have not escaped the friction incident to such a system as ours, yet upon the whole they have prospered in an excellent degree, and the results have been gratifying and widely beneficial, fully attesting the wisdom and foresight of their founders and the liberality of their supporters.

The teachers have been zealous and laborious, appreciating their high commission; they have wrought for the future, and verily their works shall follow them.

In consequence of an anticipated reduction in the amount of money to be raised for the support of schools prior to the last annual meeting, the committee then in office arranged a reduction in the salaries of teachers which it was found necessary to make at the fulfillment of that anticipation at the annual meeting. In examining the salaries paid to our teachers heretofore, the position held by them, the amount of work required, and the value of the services rendered, it was thought that they were in some instances disproportionate, and that a pro-rata or per cent. deduction would not adjust the differences and would be unfair in some respects; so your Committee endeavored to take fairly into consideration all the elements which, in their judgment, should be considered in determining the salary to be paid each teacher, and fixed the same accordingly. In some instances this

seemed to work a very large reduction, and created a little friction, but on the whole was found very satisfactory, and the teachers yielded to the necessities of the times with commendable alacrity. But for some changes which subsequently became necessary, and for expenditures for assistants, which were inevitable and entirely unforeseen, this reduction would have amounted to about ten per cent. of the gross sum paid for salaries. The abolition of the Training School, the consequent employment of another teacher, the necessity of an assistant in the Second Grammar and Second Primary for a portion of the year, and a slight increase in the salary paid to the teacher of one school, has reduced the amount hoped to be saved quite materially. The amount paid Training School scholars would nearly if not quite offset the expense of the extra teacher, and the other items referred to will show the reason for the slight expenditures over the estimate made by us, and the amount raised and appropriated by the town. It is to be sincerely hoped that no further reduction of salaries will be attempted, and if not the present year, very soon the town will be able to increase the compensation of her most valuable and valued servants.

Capacity and labor will command adequate compensation, and this is as true in the profession of teaching as in any other calling, and our town has many times bitterly lamented the loss of some of her best teachers, who have been tempted from her by the larger pecuniary reward offered them elsewhere. A good teacher is above all price, and the committee should be invested with plenary powers to retain such in our service, and be warmly supported by public sentiment and the tax-paying population of the town. People who have taken their position in the world are of comparatively little consequence, while the children on whom the world depends are of infinite importance, and the wealth and the energy of the present should be poured out with an unstinting hand for the education and elevation of the future.

CONDUCT.

Generally, the conduct of the scholars has been such as we

can commend. In some individual instances, however, an insubordinate spirit has been exhibited; and during a portion of the year one or two of the schools has been infected with disorderly elements, so that a frequent resort to corporal punishment has been necessary.

It is to be deplored that all scholars will not readily yield to the discipline of the schools, and that they are not so educated, by home influence, that they will conduct themselves in and about the school-room in a becoming and orderly manner. But such are the facts, and the teachers and your Committee have to deal with scholars as they find them, and a teacher having from forty to sixty scholars, of various dispositions and temperaments, under her charge, cannot take the time to humor the whim or the peculiarity of each one, as a parent does, even if it were desirable; and in order for her to do the work required of her, and for her school to make the progress expected, the first law of Heaven must be preserved. If, in any individual instance, or in any school, this cannot be obtained by an appeal to the better elements of the scholar's character, it must be done by other means, and in such a manner that the scholar will not seek a repetition.

We do not mean to be understood as advocates of corporal punishment only, when other reasonable and proper efforts have failed to secure the desired end, and *never* to an unwarranted or cruel extent, but we *do* mean to be understood that we are unhesitatingly in favor of *good order* in all our schools, and that it is the duty of every teacher to maintain it, the duty of every scholar to render ready and willing acquiescence to the requirements of school discipline, the duty of every citizen of the town, parent or not, to aid the teacher in every right method to accomplish that end.

Prince George, of Denmark, said, in his speech accepting the crown of Greece: "The love of my people is my strength." We shall hail the day as most happy and propitious, when every teacher in town can truthfully say, the love of my scholars is my strength; but we cannot omit the observation that love for a teacher is engendered in the heart

of the average scholar as frequently by a primary demand for respect and obedience as by the more sentimental methods sometimes invoked.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance in school the past year has not been quite as good as in some former years. This has arisen from no unusual lack of interest, but from the exigences of the times. Many parents, in limited circumstances, have been compelled to place their children at work to earn their own livelihood, and perhaps aid in the support of others who have been deprived of their usual means by lack of employment. Some have found permanent engagements elsewhere, others are attending some of the schools in Boston, where a technical education can be obtained in a shorter period than in our own schools, while a few are attending institutions abroad where a wider range of study is pursued.

From careful inquiries, and from observation, the fact is developed that in some sections of the town there is a growing habit among the parents to allow their children to be dismissed or to remain away from school for a session or a whole day for very trivial causes. This is to be deprecated in strong terms, as not only an injury to the scholar who remains away, but a wrong against the teacher and the other scholars, for the absentee is not fitted for his place in his class, and cannot be except by the extra labor of the teacher at the expense of those who are constant in their attendance. No one has the moral right to impose extra labor upon already overworked servants, nor to deprive others of their opportunity for instruction. It is to be hoped that this fault, so slight in an individual instance, but so important in the aggregate, will be speedily and completely corrected.

SCHOLARSHIP.

The results obtained in scholarship in most of the schools have been comparatively satisfactory, while in a few the work of painstaking teachers has failed to show equal attainments. This was made manifest more particularly at the

annual examination for promotions, at the close of the summer term, when the same examination was given to all scholars of like grade. Different causes, in different instances, have contributed to produce the same result. Some teachers have not the same skill to interest, instruct and draw out pupils as others; some scholars have not the same native capacity to be interested and instructed as others; while many have not derived from their home associations that emulatory incentive so essential to high scholarship in school-life, and a few from sheer laziness and indifference have failed to attain even mediocrity. It is to be borne in mind that our schools are for the education of the masses, and courses of study are to be arranged, and methods of teaching to be adopted, adapted to the necessities and capacities of those to be taught. A *few* scholars in town are, by nature, capable of accomplishing in the time allotted to them for school, more than is required of them; but a far larger number require the utmost tact of the teacher, that they may complete with reasonable thoroughness the work prescribed; so that in estimating the educational value of our schools, the brilliancy of the few must be partially disregarded, and your Committee at all times have strenuously endeavored to consider the schools as a *system*, and in making changes of any character sought to promote the *general* good.

From the bright and active scholar the teacher has little difficulty in securing satisfactory lessons, but how to bring dull and indifferent pupils to a fair standard of scholarship, is frequently the most perplexing problem a teacher has to solve. Ingenious and almost numberless are the methods devised and put in operation, but in many instances with only partial success. Detention after school, to make up for failures, has been held by many to be the cure all. It has been largely practiced by our teachers, and with measurable success; but it is not without its disadvantages, and has met with the disapproval of some parents. It requires scholars to accomplish, when comparatively weary, what they have failed to do while fresh and inspired by the work and example of those around them. It occupies the time of the teach-

er, which should be devoted to general culture and study for the benefit of the whole, and not infrequently imposes a burden almost "too grievous to be borne." On the other hand, a course of study for the average scholar is prescribed, which every parent expects *his* child to complete, and the discipline and education of the child demands that it should be completed. One teacher, after months of discouraging labor with a dull class, beseechingly inquired: "Can you give me a recipe for brains ?"

At a recent teachers' meeting this subject was earnestly discussed. One teacher felicitously quoted the words of Mr. Harris: "Prepare the lesson so that the pupil can carry it by storm, and never allow him to make a dissipated, scattered attack upon it." These are golden words, and should be emblazoned upon the armorial colors of every teacher. It must not be forgotten, however, that the science of teaching is still in its infancy, and that a large percentage of teachers have not themselves received the discipline and drill which will enable them to prepare a lesson according to Mr. Harris' ideal. Capacity of this kind very soon finds its remuneration in some more opulent field.

PROMOTIONS.

Promotions have been based upon the same principle which has been in vogue for some years, that is, upon the written examinations of the scholars. Great diligence has been exercised that these examinations should be conducted with the utmost fairness, your Committee being determined that no one scholar should have a more favorable opportunity than all the others to secure a promotion, and as frequent inquiries have been made of us, it may be worth the space to explain how promotions have been made the present year.

Some weeks prior to the annual examination, each teacher was required to prepare a series of ten questions in each study in which pupils were to be examined for entrance to that school. These questions were placed in the hands of the Committee, and by them referred to a sub-committee, to ascertain if they were fair and proper, and to change if found

necessary. After being fully completed, the chairman of the Committee designated certain schools in which each member of the Committee should be present, and in whose presence the examination should be conducted. On the morning of the examination day each member of the Committee repaired to the school designated to him and delivered the examination to the teacher of that school. Prior to this time, each scholar had received a number to place upon his examination papers, and by which he should be known. The teacher, in the presence of the Committee, wrote the questions upon the black-board, and each scholar answered each question in writing, without consultation with any one, or examination of books. When the work was completed, the papers were gathered up, delivered to the Committee, who in turn delivered them to the teacher, who prepared the examination, to be marked upon a uniform scale. The results were tabulated, and with the examinations and work of the scholars, returned to the Committee, some one of whom made such examination of teachers' and scholars' work as was necessary to render certain that the marking had been done fairly, and those whose papers showed a per cent. of seventy, or upwards, were promoted. No scholar was allowed to place his name upon his papers, so that neither the teacher who marked, nor the Committee could know to whom any paper belonged, thus assuring a promotion based upon the merits of the examinations.

It is sometimes said that really good scholars fail in an examination from nervousness or other causes. This may be true in occasional instances, and your Committee, having that fact in mind, and for the purpose of obtaining more accurate statistical information, have adopted, and put in use in the schools, except the High and Primary, a system of records, in which each recitation is marked upon a uniform scale, and in which the monthly average in scholarship and the rank of each scholar is given, so that any parent, or the Committee, can see at any time what progress any child is making, and can ascertain his exact standing at the end of the year. With an examination conducted in the manner explained, and in doubtful or disputed instances with this record for

reference, it would seem well nigh impossible that any injustice should be done.

COURSE OF STUDY.

From year to year the condition of the schools changes, and it is quite difficult to prescribe a course of study which shall prove acceptable for a long time. Frequent changes are demanded by the varying capacities of the schools, by modernized and improved text books, and by progressive modes of thought. Your Committee, knowing that the course prescribed some years since could not now be carried out to advantage, have, except as to the High School, revised it so that, in their judgment, it is more elastic, and is better adapted to our present wants.

The course of study in the High School has been the subject of much discussion, but the multiplicity of other duties have prevented your Committee from giving it that practical and thorough consideration which its paramount importance challenges. We append to this report the Course of Study referred to above.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has continued the present year under the skillful management of Mr. Hill and Miss Greenwood, with the exception of the winter term, when Miss Greenwood was granted a vacation to recuperate her health, which had become somewhat impaired. Miss Martha Keith, of Bridgewater, substituted during Miss Greenwood's absence in an eminently satisfactory manner. The course of the school, during the year, has been progressive, evidencing a large amount of solid, persistent work, the results of which are simply immeasurable. This school is undervalued by many, but we feel that it is from the want of a correct knowledge of its purpose, and of the development which it accomplishes.

It is often and truly said that the United States owes the grand idea of free common school education to the wise foresight of the founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

This idea was developed into legislation in 1642, in the

enactment of a law enjoining "upon municipal authorities the duty of seeing that *every child* within their respective jurisdictions should be educated," and that act was supplemented by another five years later, requiring every township containing fifty house-holders to appoint a teacher "to teach all such children as shall resort to them to write and read," and every township containing one hundred house holders, "to set up a Grammar School," whose master should be able to instruct so far as they may be fitted for "the University," meaning Harvard College. This was the foundation of our High Schools, and contained a succint expression of their original design. An experience of two and a third centuries confirms the judgment of their founders.

Secretary White, in speaking of the High Schools in this Commonwealth, says: The fact that they furnish to the young of the poorest classes the opportunity of fitting themselves for higher courses of classical and professional education, as well as for a successful prosecution of any honorable pursuit on which they may choose to enter, and thus powerfully aid in removing all distinction between the children of the rich and the poor, and in often developing talents of the highest order, which otherwise would not have been cultivated, and so give practical power to our free institutions as well as a beautiful exemplification of them, must of itself commend these schools to the highest place in the public estimation. When, moreover, it is remembered that a High School, generously and wisely supported, not only offers an education of a high order to all the youth, but also, as universal experience testifies, elevates the standard of general intelligence and of public and private morality in the town, and acts as a powerful stimulus upon the children in the schools of a lower grade, thus raising these schools to a higher plane of excellence, it is difficult to find fitting language to give full expression to our sense of their value, and of the wisdom of the law which requires towns to "set up" and maintain them.

The attendance in our own school is not so large as we desire, but it compares favorably, we think, with other

towns having a population like ours, and the statistics show that it averages well with the towns and cities of this County. The support of a High School will come largely from the population in average pecuniary circumstances, and especially if that population is largely engaged in Agriculture or in any of the Mechanic Arts as distinguished from day laborers. It is a well-known fact that our town contains a smaller percentage of these classes of inhabitants than some of the towns about us.

Again, the requirements for admission to our High School are greater than to those in some towns which boast of larger numbers, our Advanced Grammar School giving the opportunity for farther and better preparation than in those places which have no school of that grade. The true mission of the school is to afford every scholar in town the opportunity to obtain an education equal to a fit for Harvard College, and no system of free public instruction will be perfect until it is capable of taking the youngest scholars of the humblest parentage, and placing his feet upon the threshold of the University.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1877 took place in the Town Hall, on the evening of the twenty-ninth day of June, in the presence of a crowded and appreciative audience. The principal exercises were Essays by members of the Graduating Class, Music, and a National Allegory, entitled, "The Visions of Freedom," in which a large portion of the school participated. The parts were all excellent, and the essays highly meritorious, voicing well the motto of the class, "Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum." We indulge the hope that as "the years glide by" these may all find that "over the Alps lies Italy," and that when He whose right it is to reign shall come to make up his "Jewels," they may hear the welcome, "Well-done, good and faithful servants."

The names of those composing the Graduating Class are as follows:

Alice Beebe,	Charles O'Conner,
Emma E. Currier,	John B. Moran,
Annie H. Thayer,	William C. Strong.

THE ADVANCED AND FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Advanced and First Grammar Schools have continued as for some years past under the instruction of Mrs. Wentworth and Miss Perkins, which alone is sufficient guaranty of their character. These schools furnish to many children the highest education which they have the opportunity to obtain, and they, as well as those who have gone up higher, can attest the value of the instruction here imparted.

THE SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

When the last Annual Report was submitted, this school was under the charge of Miss Sarah L. Thomas, who at the close of the spring term resigned to take charge of a more congenial household. Miss Emma S. Small was appointed to fill the vacancy at the commencement of the summer term and resigned at its close. Miss Small came to us with testimonials of the most flattering character, from well-known educators, as an experienced and successful teacher, and her examination gave evidence of scholarly attainments. There was a predisposition on the part of the school to be disorderly, and many of the scholars were determined that no teacher should succeed, consequently Miss Small found herself confronted with difficulties which she failed to overcome. She labored willingly and faithfully, and under different circumstances would have proved an acceptable teacher.

Miss Mary E. Dana was appointed to the position of Principal of this school at the beginning of the fall term, and Miss Susan E. Barker, Assistant, the necessity for an assistant arising from the failure of so many to be promoted at the close of the summer term. Miss Dana took charge when the school was in a demoralized state, made more so by the introduction of a large class from the lower school. By dint of the most determined and painstaking labor, she improved the condition of the school in a great degree, as much certainly as could reasonably be expected of any teacher in the time, and your Committee parted with her services at the end of one term with regret. Her resignation was caused by protracted sickness in her family.

It was with difficulty that this vacancy was filled, your Committee not readily finding any lady whom they thought entirely equal to the position, who would accept it. Finally an arrangement was effected with Mr. F. S. Cutter, of Cambridge, to take charge of the school for a time, and he has since been engaged for the remainder of the school year, and if the condition of the school requires it, and the appropriation by the town will allow it, for a longer period. His administration has been thus far admirable, and the school is now rapidly taking its legitimate place among the best in town. Much credit is due to Miss Barker for her faithful assistance.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

In the report of last year your Committee remarked: "There is, of course, a limit beyond which it would not be advisable to appoint teachers who had received no other training than that furnished in a town like ours." This remark was made in discussing the merits of the Training School. In the light of further experience, and a more careful examination the present year, your Committee have thought it unwise to continue that school longer with the idea of supplying our own town with teachers, for the inevitable consequence will be that our schools will be run in one mould, with teachers who have been trained by one person, who have embibed one person's ideas, and copied one person's methods and manners, and to deprive us of the services of teachers who possess the more varied culture derived from different training and a more extended association with educated people.

At the close of the summer term, the Training School, as such, was abolished, and the schools comprising it are now known as the First and Second Intermediate, the former of which still remains under the care of Miss Hutchinson, and the latter of Miss Taft, who, by her quiet dignity and enthusiastic love for her work, has made for herself an enviable place among our corps of teachers.

THIRD INTERMEDIATE.

During the spring term, Miss Sweetser, of the Third Intermediate, found her health somewhat impaired, and before the close of the term resigned. Her appointment as teacher in this town dates back to March, 1856, and hundreds of pupils will tenderly and lovingly cherish her memory. Miss Alice A. Alexander, a graduate of both the High and Training Schools, was appointed in her stead and still retains the position. She is active and energetic, and means that all the pupils under her charge shall make progress.

WEST WARD INTERMEDIATE.

At the close of the summer term, Miss Hamblin resigned her position in this school to accept a more lucrative one in Medford, where from the report of the school officers of that town she sustains the reputation gained here.

Miss Nellie A. Miller, a graduate from our High School in 1876 and from the Training School in 1877, was appointed to fill the vacancy, a position filled with difficulty by any one. Miss Miller is meeting with good success, and promises to become a highly successful teacher.

GREENWOOD.

At the close of the winter term, Miss Hartshorne, teacher in the Greenwood School, from a combination of unfortunate circumstances in no degree her fault, and from premonitory symptoms of disease, thought it wiser to resign her charge than to continue it longer. She has been the teacher of that school for some years, and has done excellent work in it. Miss Mary J. George has been appointed in her place, and assumed her duties at the commencement of the present term.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

We omit to speak individually of the other schools in town, not because they do not merit special mention, but for the reason there has been no change in them during the year, and because they are continuing the "even tenor of their way," doing well their part.

SINGING.

In the report of last year the subject of singing in our schools was discussed at some length, the views of the Committee stated, and the cost computed. By the experience of the last year we are confirmed in the opinions then expressed. During this time, Mr. George F. Wilson has had the direction of the music in all the schools except the High, and in that for the winter term. He is an enthusiastic lover of his profession as well as an ardent worker in it. The pleasing and profitable results of his teaching are apparent to any one who has been well advised of the condition of our schools for the past two years. To withhold an appropriation sufficient to cover his salary for the ensuing year would, in our judgment, be highly detrimental.

SUPERVISION.

In the attempt to discharge the duties imposed upon us, we have held, during the year past, thirty-one meetings and made three hundred and thirty-one visits to the schools, to say nothing of very many consultations with teachers, parents, scholars, and with each other individually. We are conscious that many improvements in the supervision of the schools can be made, and when the town is ready to adopt better methods, those who compose the present Committee will gladly and heartily co-operate.

PERSONAL.

Last year the town lost the services of a valuable member of the Board in the death of Mr. H. D. Smith, and this year it is called to mourn the sudden demise of Rev. Dr. Keyser, who in the comparatively short time he was a member of your Committee had, by his unwavering interest, his courteous bearing and staunch adherence to his convictions, won the respect of all.

"One by one, with hands full laden,
They entered the golden gate of the w ',
Laid their sheaves at the feet of the Master,
Took their places among the blest."

In joint convention the Selectmen and School Committee elected Rev. Quincy Whitney to the vacant place upon the Board.

We recommend an appropriation by the town to cover the present deficiency and for the support of schools for the year ensuing, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and for incidental expenses, the sum of one thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*
GEORGE W. ABORN.
THEO. E. BALCH.
E. P. COLBY.
QUINCY WHITNEY.
SAM'L K. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

NAMES OF TEACHERS, SALARY, AND DATE OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected.	Salaries.
High . .	Melvin J. Hill, .	Mar., 1869,	$1500 pr. yr.
" . .	Eliza M. Greenwood,	Jan., 1876,	520 "
" . .	Martha Keith, . .	" 1878,	520 "
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, .	Mar., 1871,	650 "
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, .	Sept., 1873,	520 "
" " " 2,	Sara L. Thomas, . .	" 1872,	440 "
" " " 2.	Emma S. Small, .	April, 1877,	440 "
" " " 2,	Mary E. Dana, . .	Sept., 1877,	440 "
" " " 2,	F. E. Cutter, . .	Jan., 1878,	500 "
" " " 2,	Susan E. Barker, asst.	Sept., 1877,	200 "
" " " 3,	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871,	440 "
Ctr. Interme'ate, 1,	Elenora Hutchinson, .	Jan. 1858,	520 "
" " 2,	Hannah H. Taft, .	Sept., 1877,	400 "
" " 3,	Alice A. Alexander, .	April, 1877,	400 "
Centre Primary, 1,	Myra A. Stearns, .	Sept., 1875,	360 "
" " 2,	Mary I. Hersey,	Dec., 1876,	400 "
" " 2,	C. E. Bancroft, asst. .	Sept., 1877,	200 "
West Interme'ate,	Sophie F. Hamblin, .	Nov., 1868,	425 "
" "	Nellie A. Miller, .	Sept. 1877,	360 "
" Primary,	L. J. Mansfield, . .	" 1871,	360 "
Franklin St. Int.,	Susie D. Turnbull, .	June, 1876,	400 "
" Primary,	Emma L. Upham, .	Sept., 1874,	360 "
North Ward, .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862,	425 "
East Ward, .	Annie R. Killorin, .	Sept., 1873,	425 "
Woodville, .	A. M. Wiley, . . .	Nov., 1875,	360 "
Greenwood, .	Frannie L. Hartshorne,	Sept., 1874,	400 "
"	Mary J. George, .	Mar., 1878,	400 "
	Geo. F. Wilson, (Music)	Sept., 1876,	500 "

Number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1876, 1018.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	55	54.5	99.2	50
Advanced Grammar,	44	42	94.8	19
Centre Grammar, No. 1,	36	34	94	6
" " No. 2,	62	54	87	2
" " No. 3,	41	37	92	
" Intermediate, No. 1,	48	42	87	
" " No. 2,	42	34	81	
" " No. 3,	40	35	87.5	
" Primary, No. 1,	50	42	84	
" " No. 2,	59	51	85	
West Intermediate,	41	32	80	3
" Primary,	43	31	73	
Franklin Street Intermediate,	51.5	45.5	88	
" " Primary,	66	52	79	
North Ward,	48	39	81	
East Ward,	61	49	80	2
Woodville,	34	29.7	87	1
Greenwood,	45	34	75.5	
	866.	737.7		83

COURSE OF STUDY.

SECOND PRIMARY.

Alphabet and Reading.—Some good set of charts, or black-board lessons, Franklin Primer, spell the lessons given in spelling, train the children both by sounds of letters and by entire word, show orally the distinction between long and short vowels, use slate exercises in making the letters and combining them in words.

Numbers.—Learn the children to count as high as one hundred, accustom the pupils to read and afterwards to write the Arabic numerals, add and subtract numbers as high as nine.

Writing and Drawing.—Allow the children (as a pastime) to copy from the black-board short combinations of straight lines, teach them to copy on the slate Roman and Script letters.

Oral Lessons.—Spend a few minutes each day in talks about familiar objects, and question upon the subject of conversation of the previous day, use objects to illustrate when practicable.

FIRST PRIMARY.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Second Reader, drill upon the exercises in enunciation, make free use of the black-board in all exercises admitting it, spell the usual lesson and a large number of familiar objects.

Numbers.—Practice reading and writing small numbers, instruct in Arabic numerals to one thousand, Roman to one hundred; give simple exercises in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of numbers to a result of twenty, some exercises from Walton's Charts.

Writing and Drawing.—Give sentences of four or five words to write on the slate; show how to make the simplest forms of written capitals, give easy exercises from cards, or from the black-board, showing the circle, elipse, six or eight sided polygon, how they may be divided into parts by straight lines, etc., let the older scholars draw from the black-board simple plans of houses, locating the prominent features.

Oral Lessons.—Conversations upon articles eaten and worn; upon colors, illustrated by colored papers and fabrics; upon various natural objects, their uses, etc. Teach how to tell time by the clock.

THIRD INTERMEDIATE.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Third Reader, with punctuation and marks used in printing; spell the word columns. Worcester's Primary Speller.

Numbers.—Walton's Charts, Walton's Primary Arithmetic (entire book), and constant practice on the multiplication table, reading and

writing numbers as high as one million, some familiarity in adding and subtracting numbers on the black-board.

Writing and Drawing.—Copy from the black-board each week a correctly written and punctuated stanza or paragraph and correct improperly written sentences. Primary Writing Book No. 1. Drawing of easy curves, such as rings, wheels, urns, and leaves with simple outlines.

Oral Lessons.—Points of compass, lessons on color, size, measures of length and capacity, divisions of time, as years, months, days, hours, etc., some account of various imported articles, as tea, coffee, cork, india rubber and similar things.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Third Reader from page 106, Franklin Fourth Reader to page 125, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller to page 67.

Numbers.—Walton's Arithmetical Charts, thorough drill in the multiplication table, review Walton's Primary Arithmetic; written addidition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Writing and Drawing.—Second Primary Writing Book, and Writing Book No. 1. Dictate short sentences to be written. General instruction in drawing the outlines of continents, lakes, seas and islands; copying from drawings on the black-board, continue practice in combinations of straight and curved lines.

Oral Lessons.—Teach from the globe and maps the general principles of geography, but do not introduce much descriptive matter. Conversations upon short articles to be read from periodicals or newspapers.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Fourth Reader from page 90, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller from page 25 to page 100.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic to page 56, Written Arithmetic to page 42, Reading and writing Federal and Sterling money.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 2, writing of short abstracts from reading lessons, and writing short letters from dictation.

Geography.—Warren's Primary Geography (entire book).

THIRD GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Intermediate Reader, spelling and defining from reading lessons, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller from page 58 to page 137.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic from page 20 to page 63, Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 41 to page 89.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 3, Drawing Book No. 1.

Oral Lessons.—Adapted to age and proficiency of the pupils.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography from page 22 to page 49.

Language.—Swinton's Language Primmer (entire book).

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Fifth Reader, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller from page 38, written exercises in spelling and defining from Reader.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic from page 64 to page 120, Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 84 to page 171.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 4, Drawing Book No. 2.

Oral Lessons.—Adapted to the age and proficiency of the scholars.

Language.—Swinton's Language Lessons, (entire book).

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography from page 49 to page 80, some attention to Map Drawing.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Sixth Reader omitting introduction, (Declamation,) Worcester's Pronouncing Speller, spelling and defining from Reader, Geography, and various other works.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic from page 80, omitting the easier portion of each section; Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 171 to page 265.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Books Nos. 5 and 6, Compositions, Drawing Book No. 3.

Oral Lessons.—Conversations introducing the elements of botany, zoology, philosophy, geology, climate, commerce, etc.

Language.—Swinton's English Grammar to page 134.

History.—Seavey's, Goodrich's History to page 157.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography to page 22, and from page 80 to page 96, review United States, map drawing.

ADVANCED GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Sixth Reader, Declamation or Compositions, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller, and exercises from various sources in spelling and defining. (Exercises from Pronouncing Hand Book).

Numbers.—Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 245, exercises in mental arithmetic.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Books Nos. 6 and 7, Drawing Book No. 4, (Writing Book No. 10.)

Oral Lessons.—Same as previous year, introducing also such subjects as history, geography, natural science, government, noted men and women, etc.

Language.— Swinton's English Grammar from page 135, Swinton's School Composition to page 103.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography reviewed, Warren's Physical Geography, map drawing.

History.—Seavey's, Goodrich's History from page 158.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Writing.—As it is an advantage and a credit to any person to write a fair and legible hand, teachers are requested to give particular attention to this branch of education, and to see that the scholars hold the pen correctly, and that they sit in an easy and proper attitude at the desk.

Singing.—As directed by the teacher of music. Teachers are expected to devote as much time as can well be spared for that purpose, to singing, and it will be well to occasionally combine this with physical exercise.

Physical Exercise.—A short time in each day should be given to regular exercises, such as exercise in the seat, of the body, arms and neck; marching, and exercises while standing; aiming at easy and healthful positions; also pay special attention to the attitude of the scholar while reading.

In the East Ward, North Ward, Woodville and Greenwood Schools, will be taught those studies fitting the scholar for admission to the First Grammar School.

In the Franklin Primary and West Ward Primary, scholars will be fitted for the Second Intermediate School.

In the Franklin Intermediate and West Ward Intermediate, scholars will be prepared for admission to the Second Grammar School.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF

THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

The cycle of the year brings us to another of those noting points of our progress, our condition and our needs, at which we may both pleasantly and profitably consider what has been done and what there still exists for us to accomplish in the special trust confided to us.

The nature of the trust itself, the altogether pleasant associations with which it is rife, and the dignity of the work of which it is a most noble and efficient auxiliary—the elevation of character and the increase of usefulness,—all contribute to render the reflection alike gratifying and encouraging.

The First Napoleon, bent on a concentrate dynasty, once bade his Marshals "Beware! when bayonets shall learn to think!" His ambition could find no room for the common mind to develop thought and the power which thought alone can bring. To him, for the common people to hold the sovereignty of thought betokened the growth of an intelligence fatal to the despotism it was his glory to wield. "The stone which he rejected has become the head of the corner" in the Republic of which we are part, and it is to the largeness of thought, to its universal extension and the observance of its teachings that we confidently look for our rise, progress and perpetuity.

In a nation whose every citizen is a sovereign, where power resides with each one, where the united intelligence of the people must determine the laws, the relations, the policy and the very composition of the State, it is evident that every-

thing depends upon the character and extent of the general intelligence.

Just as the human body and its forces are built up of, and and become like, the food upon which they depend, so the mind feeds upon, builds itself out of, and becomes the type of, what it absorbs. The higher the character of its pabulum, the more ample its supply, and the easier its assimilation, the better, richer and wider will be the cast of mind and its reach.

Books are most largely our mental purveyors. *Good* books, —those best embodiments of the best thoughts of men—so bring to us the delights of high companionship, over-riding time, distance and social barriers to pour their wealth into our laps, that they are fast moulding into broader lines the lives and aspirations of men and communities.

To read is to think; to think is to purpose, and purposes are the embryos of acts.

The rule of Socrates most aptly applies to books. "You say," said he, "the thing is good. Good *for what?*" It is impossible in this day not to recognize the fact that much reading matter often condemned, and not of the highest or even perhaps of the medium class, actually performs a valuable service in the stimulus alone, that it gives for reading, so opening the road to higher and better levels of thought. No man ever began at the top of the ladder, and the heights of knowledge, noble thinking and nobler living are only scaled step by step, and slowly.

It is said that Sir Isaac Newton, finding the son of his gardener familiar with his "Principia," demanded to know how he had reached so advanced knowledge, to which the youth admirably responded, "I have always believed one may learn *anything* who has once mastered the twenty-six letters of the alphabet."

If a book is not actually pernicious, it has a power for good. Good for what? To open the outer door to the whole range of the galleries of thought of all men, of all times, in all lands, and there is an approbation that belongs to the lower forms of literary effort, so long as they avoid

absolute evil, as the lower rounds of the ladder leading to better things,—the twenty-six letters of the alphabet of thought which daily unfolds brighter and better pages.

A few facts furnished by public reports and by the Librarian, are worthy the thoughtful attention of all.

From 70 to 80 per cent. of the books taken from public libraries are works of fiction.

The foreign population, as a rule, take a better class of books than others.

The demand for scientific books is on the increase, and the books purchased the last year have been largely of the better order, scientific and religious works, biography and travels.

We believe that these facts indicate much.

First. That the imaginative, that most cheering and helpful of mental phases, is doing its normal work of relieving the dull and often depressing monotony of "the daily round, the common task," and it becomes only desirable to direct it along such lines as blend it with truth:—the scientific, as in the fascinating works of Jules Verne; the historical, as in the novels of Miss Muhlback; the geographical or zoological, as in those of Maryatt, Fennimore Cooper, Goulding, or Mayne Reid.

Second. It would seem to be indicated, by the fact that a better class of books is taken by the foreign population than by others, that the Public Library is accomplishing its intended work. That those to whom the need and the advantage are greatest, most fully appreciate its opportunities, and profit thereby. The fact is further suggestive and deserves thought.

Third. The larger demand for scientific and kindred books may be held to indicate an increased demand of the day for more thorough foundation knowledge, and a recognition that the lines of life and thought, with the greater age of the country, are being more sharply drawn, and run more in special grooves. The Trustees have endeavored to keep fully abreast of this demand, and earnestly desire to stimulate and encourage it by all aids in their power.

It is believed that a most happy and useful adjunct of the

Library would be the furnishing and opening of Memorial Hall as a Reading Room. That there is need of such an institution for a large class in all communities, perhaps specially in ours, there can be little doubt. Such a reading-room, well warmed and lighted, supplied with the current periodicals and newspapers, home and foreign, would unfailingly be a nursery of that broader intelligence which marks the thinker and the helpful citizen. A more philanthropic gift than the means to this end, it would hardly be possible for any friend or friends of the town to bestow.

The suggestions of the year's experiences are few. We invoke a thoughtfulness of parents and guardians for the careful use of books in their households, not less from considerations of proper regard for public property, in itself so worthy of good treatment, than from the fact that not a few of the volumes are either expensive or rare, and become increasingly so as they pass out of print.

The inculcation of quiet and courteous behavior on the part of juvenile frequenters of the library, will recommend itself to those who have influence in this direction. The delightful quiet, order and precision which greet one on entering the public libraries of our great cities, is so fittingly associated with the presence of so much of the best thought of the greatest minds, that we naturally desire it for the realm of books, wherever found.

Upon one point the Trustees desire to earnestly and unitedly bespeak the consideration of the town at its approaching annual meeting, viz.: the need of a new catalogue.

Like a great compendium of facts without an index, like a treasure-vault without a key, like a well without a bucket to draw with, is a library without an available record of its contents. Its cost need not be large, it being found that an appropriation of three hundred dollars will cover it, and its necessity is so obvious that it cannot be counted wise economy to longer defer its publication.

To a larger and better life, to the fields of knowledge untrodden by mortal feet, to the wisdom of other realms and the presence of the great Author, one from our number has

gone out in the year that draws to a close. Inseparably associated in our thought with him whose hand reared the walls of our literary storehouse, and stamped his name and fame on our town, herself respected and esteemed by all, her departure could not fail to be of moment, her loss of general concern.

Mrs. Eliza A. Wakefield, by whose aid and consent our chief public edifice, the gift of her late husband, became the property of the town, will long have place in the memory of her associates and towns-people, and the noble gift in which she so freely joined, will keep alive in other years the recollection of the life gone from us.

The Trustees recommend for the coming year an appropriation of two hundred dollars in addition to the proceeds of the Dog Tax for the Library, and an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the publication of a new catalogue.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*
C. W. EATON, *Treasurer.*
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary.*
HARRIET N. FLINT.
EDWARD MANSFIELD.
THOMAS WINSHIP.
S. O. RICHARDSON.
F. P. HURD.
GEO. L. KILGORE.
JOHN M. CATE.
AZEL AMES, JR.
JOHN HOGAN.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

CR.

By Town Appropriation, . . .	$200 00	
Dog taxes, refunded Town by County,	433 20	
Interest on Flint Fund, . .	60 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund, . .	25 30	
Sale of old paper, &c., . .	1 00	
Fines received, ...	20 97	
		$740 47

DR.

To cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian, .	$206 25	
for new books, . . .	368 59	
repairs of books, . .	88 75	
wrapping paper, . .	33 66	
circulars, . . .	1 75	
express charges, . .	6 95	
postage stamps and envelopes,	1 00	
record books, . . .	26 00	
replacing three books, .	1 85	
sundries at Library, . .	4 05	
Balance on hand, ...	1 62	
		$740 47

CHESTER W. EATON,

Treasurer of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,	6,179
Added by purchase within the year,	305
donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,	49
R. E. Smile, San Francisco,	1
Mrs. E. C. Poland,	4
N. P. Banks,	12
State of Massachusetts,	15
Bureau of Education,	2
U. S. Government,	1
Exchanged for Town Histories,	7
Persons having signed the By-laws,	92
No. of Accts. on which Books have been charged,	668
Number of Books re-bound in 1877–78,	204
Number of Pamphlets bound,	21
Number of Books discarded or worn out,	145
Whole number of Books delivered,	30,401
Decrease since last year,	451
Greatest number to one account,	235
Average number delivered each day,	260
" " " " hour,	52

VICTORINE E. MARSH, *Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SINCE LAST REPORT.

A.

5471	A Blue Stocking,	Mrs. Annie Edwards.
5509	Abraham, the Friend of God,	J. O. Dykes.
5348	Abroad Again,	Curtis Guild.
5308	Across Africa,	Verney Lovett Cameron.
5416	Acts and Resolves of Gen. Court of Mass., 1877.	
5350	Adirondack Tales,	W. H. H. Murray.
5522	Adrift in the Ice-Fields,	Capt. C. W. Hall.
5399	A Family Feud,	German of Harder.
5406	Afterglow,	No Name Series.
5431	After Many Days,	Christian Reid.
5466	Alcohol and the State,	R. C. Pitman.
5613	All Saint's Day and Other Sermons,	Chas. Kingsley.
5377	Aloys,	Berthold Auerbach.
5371	American,	Henry James, Jr.
5462	American Addresses,	Thomas H. Huxley.
5619	American Almanac for 1878.	
5329	American Explorers. Vol 1st.,	T. W. Higginson.
5460	American Senator,	Anthony Trollope.
5538	Among the Turks,	Cyrus Hamlin.
5382	Ancient Society,	Lewis H. Morgan.
5349	Annual Record of Science and Industry. 1876.	
5473	Arizona, as It Is,	Hiram C. Hodge.
5442	Arnot, Rev. William. Autobiography and Memoir.	
5543	Aunt Joe's Scrap Bag. My Girls,	Louisa M. Alcott.
5598	Aunt Phillis's Cabin,	Mrs. Mary H. Eastman.
5401	A Woman Hater,	Charles Reade.

B.

5470	Baroness of New York,	Joaquin Miller.
5521	Bar-rooms at Brantley,	T. S. Arthur.
5330	Bastonnais,	John Lesperance.
5583	Becket, Thomas a. Life and Times of,	J. A. Froude.
5580	Beginnings of Christianity,	George P. Fisher.
5562	Being a Boy,	C. D. Warner.
5365	Ben Blinker,	Rev. Daniel Wise.
5312	Bernardino Ochino of Siena,	Karl Benrath.

5578 Bessie Harrington's Venture, Julia A. Mathews.
5338 Bessie Lang, Alice Corkran.
5447 Beyond the Sierras, Rev. A. H. Tevis.
5467 Biology. Monday Lectures, Joseph Cook.
5366 Birds and Poets, John Burroughs.
5432 Black Spirits and White, T. E. Trollope.
5554 Blue Banner, Leon Cahun.
5388 Blue Blood, Leon Dande.
5491 Bodley's Telling Stories.
5586 Book of the Farm, George E. Waring, Jr.
5617 Bourbon Lilies; a Story of Artist Life, Lizzie W. Champney.
5523 Boys of Westonbury, Rev. H. C. Adams.
5359 Breck, Samuel. Recollections. Edited by H. E. Scudder.
5568 Bride of the Rhine, George E. Waring, Jr.
5376 Brief Honors, Anon.
5342 Browning. Mrs. E. B. Life, Letters and Essays.
5368 Buddha and Buddhism, C. D. B. Mills.
5379 Burning of the Ursuline Convent.

C.

5391 Camp, Court and Siege, Wickham Hoffman.
5397 Canolles, John Esten Cooke.
5517 Caricature and Comic Art, James Parton.
5494 Castle St. Angelo, W. W. Story.
5600 Cedars, The Ellis Gray.
5504 Centennial, Lectures on J. P. Thompson.
5396 Charlotte Bronte. A Monograph, T. W. Reid.
5528 Charlotte von Stein. A Memoir, Geo. H. Calvert.
5360 Chedayne of Kotono, Ashburn Towner.
5487 Cherbury, Lord of, and Thomas Elwood, Ed. by W. D. Howells.
5593 Child Hunters, A Friend of Italy.
5374 Children of Light, Rev. Wm. W. Faris.
5362 China. History of Insurrection, From the French.
5525 Christian Aspects of Faith and Duty, J. J. Taylor.
5395 Christianity and Islam, Rev. W. R. W. Stephens.
5413 Christian Way, The Rev. Washington Gladden.
5588 Coming Empire. H. F. McDaniel and N. A. Taylor.
5443 Connecticut, History of.
5415 Coronation, E. P. Tenney.
5316 Country Quarters, a Love Story, Countess of Blessington.
5310 Critical History of the American War, A. Mahan.
5539 Cross above the Crescent, Horatio Southgate.
5402 Crossing the Quicksands, S. W. Cozzens.
5358 Cruise of her Majesty's Ship Challenger, W. J. J. Spry.
5488 Counterfeit Presentment, W. D. Howells.
5441 Count Frontenac and New France, Francis Parkman.

D.

5584	Daniel, the Beloved,	William M. Taylor.
5439	Dante,	Mrs. Oliphant.
5317	Dark Colleen. A Love Story.	
5412	Day of My Life, by an Eton Boy.	
5356	Deep Haven,	Sarah O. Jewett.
5389	De Quincy, Thomas. Life and Writings. 2 vols.,	H. A. Page.
5495	Diana,	Susan Warner.
5503	Doctor Tom,	Edward Payson.
5596	Doctrine of Scriptural Retribution,	Edward Beecher.
5496	Dolly, a Love Story,	F. H. Burnett.
5551	Dora's Housekeeping.	
5353	Dyspepsia and Kindred Diseases,	Dr. W. W. Hall.

E.

5320	Early Years of Christianity,	E. de Pressense.
5459	Egypt as It Is,	J. C. McCoan.
5367	Ella's Half Sovereign.	
5481	Elsie's Children,	Martha Farquharson.
5614	Ernest Quest,	Sallie R. Ford.
5370	Erskine, Thomas. Letters, &c.,	Edited by William Hanna.
5410	Engenie,	Beatrice May Butt.

F.

5318	Faithful Margaret,	Annie Ashmore.
5457	Fat and Blood, &c.,	S. W. Mitchell.
5612	Field Paths and Green Lanes,	Louis J. Jennings.
5331	Fighting the Foe,	Fidelite.
5398	First Love is Best,	Gail Hamilton.
5542	Forest Glen,	Elijah Kellogg.
5341	Forty Years at Sea,	Capt. Lefavor.
5483	Four Irrepressibles,	Anon.
5582	Four Years with General Lee,	Walter H. Taylor.
5450	Froebel, Reminiscences of,	Tranlated by Mrs. Horace Mann.
5555	From Egypt to Japan,	Henry M. Field.
5547	From Hand to Mouth,	A. M. Douglas.
5419	Fruit and Bread. A Scientific Diet,	Gustav Schlickeyson.
5437	Fulham Lawn,	Miss Thackeray.

G.

5313	Gabriel Conroy,	Bret Harte.
5430	Garth,	Julian Hawthorne.

5378 Gatherings from an Artist's Portfolio, J. E. Freeman.
5386 Gospel Invitation, The. Sermons.
5453 Gerard's Marriage, Andre Theuriet.
5448 Good for Nothing Polly, Ella Farman.
5335 Gold Thread, The Rev. Norman Macleod.
5567 Green Pastures and Piccadilly, William Black.
5428 G. T. T., E. E. Hale.
5603 Guilford, Conn. History from manuscript of Hon. R. D. Smith.

H.

Harry. A Poem. By the author of John Jerningham's Journal.
5499 Harry Holbrook, Sir Randall H. Roberts.
5485 Harvest of Wild Oats, 2 vols., Florence Marryat.
5384 Health Report, State of Mass., 1877.
5435 Her Father's Name. 2 vols., Florence Marryat.
5426 Hetty's Strange History, No Name Series.
5455 His Grandmothers. A Summer Salad.
5346 Historical Studies, Eugene Lawrence.
5581 History of the English People. Vol. 1st., J. R. Green.
5601 Home Interiors, E. C. Gardner.
5599 Hortense, Emily Pierpont de Lesdernier.
5394 Hours with Men and Books, William Mathews.
5486 Household Education, H. Martineau.
5615 House in the Glen and the Boys Who Built It.
5339 How to Camp Out, John M. Gould.

I.

5407 In Change Unchanged, Linda Villari.
5344 Index to Harper's Magazine. Vols. 1—50.
5380 Indian Miscellany, Edited by W. W. Beach.
5540 In the Meshes, Christine McKenzie.

J.

5451 Jack, Alphonse Daudet.
5592 Japan: Historical and Descriptive, Charles H. Eden.
5258 Jewish Church, History of. Vols. 2nd and 3rd.
5527 Jimmy, Johns and Other Stories, Mrs. A. M. Diaz.
5363 Joanna's Inheritance, Emma Marshall.
5449 Johnson Manor, The James Kent.

K.

5545 Khedive's Egypt, Edwin de Leon.
5552 Kirk, Rev. E. N., Life by David O. Mears.
5468 Knight of the 19th Century, A E. P. Roe.

L.

5576	Lady Alice,	Emma Marshall.
5390	La Gaviota,	Translated from the Spanish.
5510	Lapsed, but not Lost,	Mrs. Charles.
5433	Latimer Family, The	T. S. Arthur.
5516	Layman's Legacy. Selections from Writings of Samuel Greg.	
5436	Leaguer of Lathom, The 2 vols.,	W. H. Ainsworth.
5590	Letters of John Keats to Fanny Brawne.	
5326	Life of a Scotch Naturalist,	Samuel Smiles.
5602	Lil, "Fair, Fair with Golden Hair,"	Hon. Mrs. Featherstonhaugh.
5332	Little and Wise. Sermons to Children,	Rev. W. W. Newton.
5411	Lola,	Arthur Griffiths.
5337	Lorley and Reinhard,	Berthold Auerbach.
5604	Lynn, Mass., History of	Alonzo Lewis and J. R. Newhall.

M.

5311	Macauley, Selections from	Otto Trevelyan.
5444	Manatitlans, The	R. E. Smile.
5479	Man of War Life,	Charles Nordhoff.
5474	Marchfield. A Story of Commercial Morality.	
5605	Marlborough, Mass., History of,	Charles Hudson.
5574	Marmorne,	No Name Series.
5417	Marquis of Lossie,	George Macdonald.
5570	Massachusetts Public Documents. 1876. 5 vols.	
5571	Massachusetts, Board of Education Report. '75, '76.	
5440	Memoir of Gen. John Stark,	Caleb Stark.
5480	Merchant Vessel, The	Charles Nordhoff.
5319	Mignon,	Mrs. Forrester.
5548	Mildred,	Mary J. Holmes.
5533	Minor Poems. Little Classics, 15th vol.	
5618	Mirage. No Name Series.	Author of "Kismet."
5519	Miss Misanthrope,	Justin McCarthy.
5354	Modern Mephistopheles,	No Name Series.
5352	Moody, Sankey and Bliss,	Rev. Elias Nason.
5579	Moore's Uncollected Writings.	
5469	Musset, Alfred de. Biography,	Trans. by H. W. Preston.
5492	Myths and Marvels of Astronomy,	R. A. Proctor.
5434	My Lady Help,	Mrs. Warren.
5456	My Mother-in-Law,	Anon.
5484	My Own Child. 2 vols.,	Florence Marryat.
5472	Mystery of the Island,	Henry Kingsley.

N.

5532	Narrative Poems. Little Classics. 13th vol.	
5607	New Bedford, History of	Daniel Ricketson.
5535	New Ireland,	A. M. Sullivan, M. P.
5606	New Jersey, Past and Present,	John W. Barber and Henry Howe.
5357	New Lands within the Arctic Circle,	Julius Payer.
5445	Nicholas Minturn,	J. G. Holland.
5423	Nimport. Vol. 1st of Wayside Series.	
5610	North American Review for 1877. 2 vols.	
5514	Now-a-days; or, King's Daughters,	Emma Marshall.
5490	Nurse and Patient and Camp Cure,	S. Weir Mitchell.

O.

5372	Ocean to Ocean,	Rev. George M. Grant.
5589	Old Naumkeag,	C. H. Webber and W. S. Nebbins.
5340	Olivia Raleigh,	W. W. Follett Synge.
5616	One Happy Winter,	Mrs. S. S. Robbins.
5489	One Year Abroad,	Blanche Howard.
5566	Origin of the World,	J. W. Dawson.
5587	Orthodoxy. Monday Lectures,	Joseph Cook.
5424	Other People's Children,	John Habberton.
5393	Ottoman Power in Europe,	E. A. Freeman.
5505	Ottomon Turks,	Sir Edward S. Creasy.
5541	Our Gold Mine. Baptist Mission,	Mrs. A. C. Chaplin.
5355	Out of the Question,	W. D. Howells.
5364	Out West,	Oliver Optic.
5392	Overland Tales,	Josephine Clifford.

P.

5446	Panola,	Mrs. Sarah A. Dorsey.
5558	Pemaquid,	Mrs. E. Prentiss.
5465	Pendower,	M. Filleul.
5309	Peru, Incidents of Travel and Exploration,	E. G. Squier.
5321	Pine Needles,	Susan Warner.
5420	Poe, Edgar Allen. Life of	William F. Gill.
5408	Poet and Merchant,	Berthold Auerbach.
5534	Poems of Places. 14 vols.	Edited by H. W. Longfellow.
5559	Poetic Interpretation of Nature,	J. C. Shairp.
5452	Pomponia,	Mrs. Webb.
5591	Pope Pius IX. Story of His Life,	T. A. Trollope.
5361	Popular Quotations,	Carleton.
5427	Primary Union Speaker,	John D. Philbrick.

5323 Prince of Wales in India, J. Drew Gay.
5351 Proctor, Bryan Waller. Biography and Letters.

Q.

5529 Queen of Sheba, T. B. Aldrich.
5549 Quinnebassett Girls, Sophy May.

R.

5463 Recent Polar Voyages.
5418 Rhode Island, History of George W. Greene.
5493 Roba di Roma, W. W. Story.
5560 Robert Raikes and Sunday Schools, Alfred Gregory.
5524 Round about the Minster Green, Ascott R. Hope.
5345 Russia, D. Mackenzie Wallace.

S.

5454 Samuel Brohl & Co., Victor Cherbuliez.
5482 Scenes with the Hunter and Trapper, W. H. D. Adams.
5403 Scripture Club of Valley Rest, John Habberton.
5328 Seed of the Church, Helen Mary Dickinson.
5464 Selections from Writings of Mrs. Charles.
5572 Sermons by Charles H. Spurgeon.
5515 Settler and the Savage, R. M. Ballantyne.
5369 Short Studies. 3d Series, J. A. Froude.
5520 Signal Boys, G. C. Eggleston.
5476 Six Sinners, Campbell Wheaton.
5565 Smith Gerrett, an Autobiography, O. B. Frothingham.
5563 Solomon Isaacs, B. L. Farjeon.
5502 Song and a Sigh, Rose Porter.
5608 Spencer, Mass., History of James Draper.
5333 Statesman's Year Book, 1877, Fred'k Martin.
5307 St. John, Life and Writings of Rev. James M. Macdonald.
5594 Story of a Mine, Bret Harte.
5497 Story of Avis, E. S. Phelps.
5536 Story of Creation, S. M. Campbell.
5585 Stories from Homer, Rev. Alfred J. Church.
5526 Substance and Show, Lectures of Thomas S. King.
5518 Sumner, Charles. Memoir and Letters, 2 vols. Edited by Edward L. Pierce.
5375 Supernatural Factor in Revivals, L. T. Townsend.
5498 Surly Tim and Other Stories, F. H. Burnett.
5512 Switzerland and the Swiss.
5402 Syrian Sunshine, T. G. Appleton.

T.

5373	Table Talk,	Bronson Alcott.
5425	Tangled,	Rachel Carew.
5334	Ten Years of my Life,	Princess Felix Salm-Salm.
5400	Ten Years on the Euphrates,	Rev. C. H. Wheeler.
5422	That Husband of Mine.	Anon.
5322	That Lass o' Lowrie's,	Frances H. Burnett.
5530	That Wife of Mine,	Anon.
5531	The Telephone,	Prof. A. E. Dolbear.
5544	Thoreau, Life and Aims,	H. A. Page.
5324	Three Years at Wolverton. A School Story.	
5597	Through a Needle's Eye,	Hesba Stretton.
5327	Through Persia by Caravan,	Arthur Arnold.
5575	Too Rich,	From the German of Adolph Streckfuss.
5550	To the Sun?	Jules Verne.
5537	Transcendentalism. Monday Lectures,	Joseph Cook.
5507	Transcaucasia and Ararat,	James Bryce.
5381	Transfer of Erin, The	Thomas C. Amory.
5343	The True Man. Sermons,	Rev. S. S. Mitchell.
5383	Turkey,	James Baker.
5546	Twice Lost,	W. H. G. Kingston.
5508	Turner, J. M. W., Life of	Walter Thornbury.
5314	Two Americas,	Maj. Sir Rose Lambert Price.
5325	Two Lilies,	Julia Kavanagh.
5556	Two Years behind the Plough.	
5564	Tyrol and the Tyrolese,	W. A. B. Grohman.

U.

5458	Underbrush,	J. T. Fields.
5477	Under the Waves,	R. M. Ballantyne.

V.

5404	Vegetable Garden, The	James Hogg.
5429	Village Improvements and Farm Villages,	G. E. Waring, Jr.
5421	Vineta,	From German of E. Werner.
5513	Violet Douglas,	Emma Marshall.
5409	Virgin Soil,	Ivan Turgenieff.

W.

5561	Water Spouts,	Edited by J. M Stearns.
5557	Ways of the Spirit,	F. H. Hedge.
5553	Webster, Daniel. Reminiscences of,	Peter Harvey.

5478	Whaling and Fishing,	Charles Nordhoff.
5577	What Career?	E. E. Hale.
5414	What Think Ye of Christ?	Gail Hamilton.
5315	White Cross and Dove of Pearls.	
5385	Whitfield, Rev. George. Life of, 2 vols.,	Rev. L. Tyerman.
5569	Windfalls,	Thomas G. Appleton.
5475	Wings of Courage,	From the French.
5336	Winter Story,	Miss Peard.
5573	Wolf at the Door. No Name Series.	
5511	Womankind,	C. M. Yonge.
5506	Woman's Work among the Lowly,	Mrs. S. R. I. Bennett.
5609	Worcester. Reminiscences. 1657–1877,	Caleb A. Wall.
5387	Women of the Century,	Rev. Phebe A. Hanaford.
5347	Worthy Women of Our First Century,	Edited by Mrs. Wister and Miss Irwin.
5595	Wreck of the "Grosvener."	

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

The Auditors herewith present the Annual Reports of the various town officers, and desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance of the several Boards, in promptly furnishing the subject matter of their reports, thereby enabling us to complete the report in the unusually short space of time allotted us.

Our examination, as usual, has included the accounts of the Treasurer, Collectors, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyors and Treasurer of Public Library, and we find their accounts generally well kept and sufficiently vouched for.

We would remind the town that we are not charged with the duty of *controlling* municipal payments, but simply to see to the true settlement of the same, and to present them in as clear a manner as possible, as we find them, so that we are not accountable for the manner in which any appropriation has been expended.

Respectfully,

T. J. SKINNER,
E. E. EMERSON,
W. S. GREENOUGH,
} *Auditors.*

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriation Committee's Report,	72
Appropriations, List of	6
Assessors' Report,	48
Auditors' Report,	6
Auditors' Statement,	111
Bennett Street Appropriation,	27
Births,	60
Collectors' Statements,	38
County Tax (see Treasurer's Report,)	41
Deaths,	67
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	17
Engineers' Report,	49
Fire Department Expenses,	12
Fish Committee's Report,	53
Highways and Bridges,	22
Jurors' List,	5
Lake Quannapowitt, Stocking of,	16
Librarian's Report,	101
Library Finances,	9 and 100
Loan Account (Treasurer's Report),	41
Marriages,	63
Miscellaneous Expenses,	19
New Books in Library,	102
Opening Saugus River,	17
Overseers of Poor Report,	29
Police Report,	51
Refuse on Common Extension,	11
Richardson Street Appropriation,	28
Salaries of Town Officers,	15
School Committee's Report,	74
School Expenses,	6
School Contingent,	10
Selectmen's Report,	45
State Aid (Treasurer's Report),	44
State Tax, " "	41
Street Lamps,	18
Support of Poor,	14 and 29
Tax Deeds, List of,	43
Town Clerk's Report,	60
Town Debt,	42
Town Officers, List of,	3
Treasurer's Report,	40
Trustees of Library Report,	95

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1879.

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

AUDITORS, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, FIRE ENGINEERS, FISH COMMITTEE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DURING THE YEAR 1878.

BOSTON:
CONANT & NEWHALL, PRINTERS, 32 HAWLEY STREET,
1879.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1878-9.

SELECTMEN.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman.*

JOHN S. EATON, *Secretary.* B. B. BURBANK.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

TOWN TREASURER.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

ASSESSORS.

JOHN S. EATON. JOHN PURINGTON. JAMES OLIVER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CYRUS N. WHITE. JOSEPH CONNELL. S. F. LITTLEFIELD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. P. COLBY,	Term Expires	1881.
GEO. W. ABORN,	" "	1881.
LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman,*	" "	1880.
THEODORE E. BALCH,	" "	1880.
S. K. HAMILTON, *Secretary and Treasurer*	" "	1879.
AUSTIN S. GARVER,	" "	1879.

AUDITORS.

T. J. SKINNER. E. E. EMERSON. W. S. GREENOUGH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

RICHARD BRITTON.

FISH COMMITTEE.

OSCAR I. STOWELL, C. P. POLAND, THOMAS GOULD.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

LUCIUS BEEBE,	HARRIET N. FLINT.
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary.*	S. O. RICHARDSON.
CHESTER W. EATON, *Treasurer.*	F. P. HURD.
THOMAS WINSHIP.	H. H. SAVAGE.
EDWARD MANSFIELD, *Chairman.*	AZEL AMES, JR.
JOHN M. CATE.	JOHN HOGAN.
CYRUS WAKEFIELD.	

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

C. H. DAVIS. S. F. LITTLEFIELD. ISRAEL F. PARSONS.

Board of Health.

S. O. RICHARDSON. E. P. COLBY. J. R. MANSFIELD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES H. STEARNS,	Centre District.
C. P. POLAND,	North "
L. B. EATON,	South "
THOMAS GOULD,	East "
CYRUS KIMBALL,	West "
JOSHUA PERHAM,	Woodville "

Fence Viewers.

CHAS. H. STEARNS, GEO. H. TEAGUE, GEO. PACKARD.

Constables.

CHAS. H. DAVIS. HOWARD EMERSON. OLIVER WALTON.

Police Officers.

CHAS. H. DAVIS, *Chief.*	F. G. COKER.
JOHN F. ALEXANDER.	TIMOTHY REAGAN.
HENRY W. EUSTIS.	R. L. COOPER.
JOHN DRUGAN.	JOSEPH TUTTLE.
J. H. EATON.	I. A. PARSONS.

Pound Keeper.

JQHN B. ATWELL.

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEO. W. ABORN. GEO. K. GILMAN.
E. W. EATON. A. A. MANSFIELD.
JAMES WESTGATE.

Measurers of Wood.

RICHARD BRITTON.	A. A. MANSFIELD.
JOSHUA WALTON.	HENRY CLAY.
A. J. HUTCHINSON.	B. F. ABBOTT.
JOSEPH TUTTLE.	M. C. EVANS.
W. S. MASON.	C. W. GREEN.

Surveyors of Lumber.

HENRY CLAY.	GEO. H. TEAGUE.
H. L. HASKELL.	GEO. PACKARD.
EUGENE S. HINCKLEY.	C. F. BICKFORD.

Truant Officers.

F. G. COKER. WM. H. WILEY.

Field Drivers.

THOMAS HICKS. JOHN L. EDMANDS.

LIST OF JURORS

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 5, 1878.

Abbott, Benj. F.
Abbott, George
Abbott, Henry F.
Allen, Mark W.
Atherton, Arlon S.
Atwell, John
Atwell, William H.
Balch, Theodore E.
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Bickford, Chas. F.
Blanchard A. J.
Boardman, Moses
Burbank, B. B.
Carter, James H.
Coker, Fred. G.
Connell, Joseph
Cooper, Reuben L.
Crocker, Luther
Currier, H. P.
Dodge, Arthur P.
Dolliver, Horatio
Dunshee, Allen L.
Eaton, Isaac F.
Eaton, Levi B.
Emerson, James E.
Emmons, Dimon T.
Emerson, Frederic
Gilman, Geo. K.
Green, Thomas
Hardy, Geo. A.
Hartshorne, Charles F.
Haskell, Henry Jr.
Hawkes, Augustus A.
Heath, Leonard N.
Hook, John W.
Kendrick, Rufus
Kenney, Thomas
Killoran, James
Knight, Elisha
Maloney, John A.
Mansfield, James J.
Mansfield, Joseph D.
Mason, David P.
Nichols, Hero W.
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Oliver, Henry N.
Parker, Samuel Jr.
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Potter, James W.
Putney, Stillman J.
Reed, Washington
Stearns, Charles H.
Stowell Issachar
Sweetser, Alfred I.
Sweetser, Jewett B.
Walton, James C. W.
Walton, Oliver
Webster, John W.
Williams, Francis

TOWN MEETINGS

HELD DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1879.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 1ST, 1878.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock, A. M., by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. A. Howard.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was elected Moderator, having thirty-eight votes. (John M. Cate had seventeen votes.)

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the Annual Reports of Town Officers.

Voted. That the Annual Reports of the Town Officers, as printed, be accepted by the town.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee on Appropriations.

Voted. That the report of the Committee on Appropriations be accepted as printed.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 186 of the acts of the year 1877, in relation to the Election of Overseers of the Poor.

Voted. That the provisions of Chap. 186, Acts of 1877, in relation to the Election of Overseers of the Poor, be accepted by the town, to take effect at the next Annual Meeting.

ART. 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The following Officers were chosen by ballot.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE had 532 votes. (Elected.)

TOWN TREASURER.

JAMES F. EMERSON had 532 votes. (Elected.)

SELECTMEN.

JOHN S. EATON, . . .	(Elected.)	526.
B. B. BURBANK, . . .	(Elected.)	352.
JAMES OLIVER, . . .	(Elected.)	327.
FREEMAN EMMONS, ...		220.
WILLIAM K. PERKINS, ...		127.
Scattering Votes, ...		20.

Assessors.

JOHN S. EATON,	(Elected.)	530.
JOHN PURINGTON,	(Elected.)	438.
JAMES OLIVER,	(Elected.)	375.
GEO. H. SWEETSER,		137.
WILLIAM K. PERKINS,		81.
Scattering Votes,		24.

Overseers of the Poor.

JOSEPH CONNELL,	(Elected.)	389.
CYRUS N. WHITE,	(Elected.)	372.
SAMUEL F. LITTLEFIELD,	(Elected.)	362.
WILLIAM F. YOUNG,		238.
C. H. STEARNS,		193.
Scattering Votes,		11.

School Committee.

(for three years.)

E. P. COLBY,	(Elected.)	399.
GEO. W. ABORN,	(Elected.)	374.
M. F. FLATLEY,		125.
QUINCY WHITNEY,		44.
Scattering Votes,		11.

For one Year.

AUSTIN S. GARVER,	(Elected.)	325.
E. A. UPTON,		196.
QUINCY WHITNEY,		2.

Constables.

CHARLES H. DAVIS.	(Elected.)	521.
HOWARD E. EMERSON,	(Elected.)	443.
OLIVER WALTON, 2d,	(Elected.)	257.
W. H. GRAY,		205.
ISRAEL A. PARSONS,		75.
GEO. H. TEAGUE,		65.
DANIEL CAREY,		15.
Scattering Votes,		6.

Fence Viewers.

CHARLES H. STEARNS,	(Elected.)	524.
GEO. H. TEAGUE,	(Elected.)	518.
GEORGE PACKARD,	(Elected.)	285.
E. A. UPTON,		244.
A. TURNBULL,		3.

Board of Health.

S. O. RICHARDSON,	(Elected.)	6.
J. R. MANSFIELD,	(Elected.)	6.
E. P. COLBY,	(Elected.)	6.

Fish Committee.

OSCAR I. STOWELL,	(Elected.)	3.
C. P. POLAND,	(Elected.)	3.
THOMAS GOULD,	(Elected.)	3.

The following officers were chosen by adoption of report of Nominating Committee.

Auditors.

T. J. SKINNER, E. E. EMERSON, W. S. GREENOUGH.

Collector of Taxes.

RICHARD BRITTON.

Trustees of Beebe Town Library.

LUCIUS BEEBE.	JOHN M. CATE.
THEODORE E. BALCH.	H. H. SAVAGE.
CHESTER W. EATON.	CYRUS WAKEFIELD.
F. P. HURD.	HARRIET N. FLINT.
THOMAS WINSHIP.	S. O. RICHARDSON.
EDWARD MANSFIELD.	AZEL AMES, Jr.

JOHN HOGAN.

Surveyors of Highways.

CHARLES H. STEARNS,	Centre District.
C. P. POLAND,	North "
L. B. EATON,	South "
THOS. GOULD,	East "
CYRUS KIMBALL	West "
JOSHUA PERHAM,	Woodville "

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEO. W. ABORN.	GEO. K. GILMAN.
EVERETT W. EATON.	A. A. MANSFIELD.

JAMES WESTGATE.

Surveyors of Lumber.

HENRY CLAY.	GEO. H. TEAGUE.	M. C. TAYLOR.
H. L. HASKELL.	B. F. ABBOTT.	GEO. PACKARD.

Measurers of Wood.

RICHARD BRITTON.	A. A. MANSFIELD.
M. C. EVANS.	JOSHUA WALTON.
HENRY CLAY.	JOSEPH TUTTLE.
A. J. HUTCHINSON.	B. F. ABBOTT.
C. W. GREEN.	W. S. MASON.

Field Drivers.

JOHN L. EDMANDS.	THOMAS LOWE.
ARTHUR HOLT.	THOMAS HICKS.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay all demands in anticipation of taxes.

Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to hire money to pay bills in anticipation of taxes, and also for notes maturing during the year.

Art. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of town debt and interest.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) for the payment of town debt and interest.

Art. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools for the year ensuing.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) for the support of Schools, and the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for School Contingent fund, for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars ($4500) for the Support of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Voted. That the appropriation for the Poor be governed by the same rules that govern other appropriations, and that the amount expended be limited to the appropriation voted.

Art. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing, and determine how the same shall be expended.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars ($3000) for the repairs of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000) for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for the support of the Town Library in addition to the Dog Tax.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) for the purpose of preparing and printing a Catalogue. Dr. Azel Ames, Jr., offered to donate to the town the sum of fifty dollars ($50) to make up the amount asked for ($300) to prepare and print the Catalogue, and a vote of thanks was given by the town for his very generous offer.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-four hundred and seventy-five dollars ($2475) for the payment of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the salaries of the Town Officers be as recommended by the Appropriation Committee, viz :

Town Treasurer,	$ 50.
Town Clerk,	100.
Board of Selectmen,	400.
" " Assessors,	350.
" " Overseers of the Poor,	150.
" " School Committee,	200.
" " Fire Engineers,	75.
" " Auditors,	100.
Tax Collector, for collecting Tax warrant for 1878,	400.
Police and Constables,	400.

ART. 14. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Street Lamps for the ensuing year.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) for the maintenance of Street Lamps for the year ensuing.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses for the year ensuing.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) for the payment of Miscellaneous Expenses for the year ensuing.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Town House Expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) for Town Hall Expenses for the year ensuing.

ART. 17. To see what method the town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Voted. To adopt the same method for the Collection of Taxes as was adopted the past year.

(NOTE.) At the Annual Town Meeting, held April 2d, 1877, the town voted to adopt the following method for the Collection of Taxes, viz: 1st That all taxes not exceeding the sum of three dollars, shall be paid on or before the first day of August, (1877,) and if not paid within thirty days from that date, the Collector shall immediately proceed to collect them according to law.

2d. One-half of all other taxes shall be payable on or before the fifteenth day of September, (1877,) the other half, on or before the fifteenth day of February, (1878.) That the Collector be authorized to allow a discount of five per cent. on all property taxes paid on or before the fifteenth day of September next.

3d. All taxes not paid within fourteen days after they are due, a notice shall be issued to the delinquent, demanding payment, for which twenty cents shall be charged additional, and on all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum shall be added until paid.

4th. That all property taxes not paid on or before the fifteenth day of April, (1878,) be advertised and enough sold to pay the tax, interest and expenses.

5th. All taxes to be payable at the office of the Collector, he to notify all persons to be found by the presentment of their bills at least two weeks before the tax is due—poll taxes excepted.

6th. The Collector to pay all money as fast as collected to the Treasurer, and he shall be required to settle his tax list within two years from the time of his election, and upon his failure to do so, the Town Treasurer be instructed to sue the Collector's bonds.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Voted. That the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

ART. 19. To determine the Compensation of Engine men for the ensuing year.

Voted. That the Compensation of Engine men for the ensuing year be fixed at the sum of fifteen dollars and a sum equal to the Poll Tax.

ART. 20. To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to the purchase of a Town Seal.

The Committee appointed for the purpose at the last previous Annual Town Meeting, reported a design for a Town Seal and it was

Voted. That the report be adopted, and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to procure a Town Seal as recommended, and that the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

ART. 21. To see if the town will make any appropriation for the progression of the New Park improvement.

Voted. That the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated to be expended on the Park Extension at such times as to the Selectmen may seem most desirable for giving employment to the unemployed.

ART. 22. To see if the town will make some special arrangement for providing lodgings and refreshment for travelling paupers and tramps, in some other place than the house provided for the poor of this town.

Voted. That the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, be authorized and instructed to make special arrangements for providing lodgings and refreshment for travelling paupers and tramps, to the extent that the poor of this town may not be subjected to the liability of infectious diseases, and company of such characters, and that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be appropriated for such purpose.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the decoration of Soldiers' Graves, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted. That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150), be raised and appropriated for the purpose of decorating Soldiers' Graves.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars for expenses of the Fish Committee, or what action they will take in regard to it.

Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50), to defray the expenses of the Fish Committee.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, to paint, paper and carpet the Yale Engine House Hall, or what they will do in reference to it.

Voted. To pass the article over.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to solicit bids, from all the resident Printers of the town, for printing the Town Reports and general town printing each year, and that they be instructed to give the work to the lowest bidder, provided he be a responsible person.

Voted. To pass this article over.

ART. 27. To see what action, if any, the town will take in relation to the introduction of water into the town, by the Quannapowitt Water Company.

Voted. That the subject of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 28. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing the sidewalk from Yale Avenue to the Congregational Church, on the west side of Main and Common Streets.

Voted. That the sum of one hundred dollars, ($100), be raised and appropriated to repair the sidewalk, from Yale Avenue to the Congregational Church, on the west side of Main and Common Streets.

ART. 29. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen for the laying out of a new town way, from Lake Avenue to the Shore of Quannapowitt Lake, over a private way, known as Spaulding's Court.

James Oliver presented a report of the Selectmen for laying out of a new town way, from Lake Avenue to the Shore of Lake Quannapowitt, over a private way known as Spaulding Court.

Voted. To accept the report.

Voted. To adopt the report.

Voted. That the poor of the town be employed in building said Street.

(NOTE.) The above named report is recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Folio 49.

ART. 30. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 243 of the acts of the year 1867, in relation to shade and ornamental trees standing in highways and streets.

Voted. That the subject of the article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 31. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, upon the petition of Samuel Kimball and others for the widening of Greenwood Street.

James Oliver, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, presented their report, in relation to widening Greenwood Street, (Report recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Folio 49).

Voted. To accept and adopt the report.

ART. 32. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for the ensuing year to the Wakefield Reform Club, and other Temperance Organizations of the town, for public meetings.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to grant the free use of the Town Hall for the ensuing year to all regularly formed Temperance Organizations, when no admission fee is charged.

ART. 33. To hear and act upon report of Committees.

William N. Tyler, Esq., in behalf of the Committee chosen at a previous town meeting, to consider the matter of providing a suitable place for the commitment of Juvenile Offenders, submitted a report, recommending the Lawrence Industrial School, at Lawrence, Mass., as, in their opinion, the most suitable place, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the managers of said Institution. The committee further recommended that the matter be referred to the School Committee or Selectmen for future action. (Report recorded in Town Records. Book No. 6. Folio 460)

Voted. To accept the report.

Voted. To adopt the report, striking out the words "or Selectmen."

Voted. That the thanks of the meeting be tendered to S. K. Hamilton, Moderator, for the very able and impartial manner in which the meeting has been conducted.

Voted. (At 8 o'clock P. M.) that the meeting be dissolved.

MEETING, JUNE 3rd, 1878.

AT 7 1-2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Wm. S. Greenough was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the town will appropriate money to pay the C. Wakefield Engine Company, for the year ending May 1, 1878, or what they will do about it.

Voted. That the town appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, ($650), for the purpose of paying the C. Wakefield Engine Company.

ART. 3. To see if the town will appropriate two hundred dollars to grade New Salem Street, or what they will do about it.

Voted. To appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for the purpose of grading New Salem Street.

ART. 4. To see if the town will relinquish its claim to the Gravel Pit upon land of P. J. Reagan, on Vernon Street, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted. That the town relinquish all its right to the Gravel Pit upon land of P. J. Reagan on Vernon Street.

ART. 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen upon the petition of B. B. Cobb and others, for the laying out of a new town way from Gould to West Chestnut Streets.

James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen presented a report upon the petition of B. B. Cobb and others for the laying out of a new town way, from Gould to West Chestnut Streets. (Report recorded in Commissioners' Records. Book I. Folio 50).

Voted. That the report be accepted and adopted.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in reference to the claim of James French against the town, in connection with various tax accounts.

Voted. That the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with power to settle with Mr. French, as they deem for the best interests of the town.

Voted. To dissolve the meeting.

MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 1878.

FOR THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS.

Meeting called to order by James Oliver, Esq., Chairman Board of Selectmen, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. R. Riddell.

Polls opened at 9.15, A. M.

Voted. That the polls be closed at 4.45, P. M.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

FOR GOVERNOR.

THOMAS TALBOT, of Billerica,	540
BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, of Lowell,	315
JOSIAH G. ABBOTT, of Boston,	27

For Lieutenant Governor.

JOHN G. LONG, of Hingham, - - - - - - - - - 544
JOHN F. ARNOLD, of No. Adams, - - - - - - - 280
WILLIAM R. PLUNKETT, of Pittsfield, - - - - - - 59

For Secretary of State.

HENRY B. PEIRCE, of Abington, - - - - - - - 543
WESTON HOWLAND, of Fairhaven, - - - - - - 278
HENRY C. EWING, of Holyoke, - - - - - - - - 61
Scattering Votes, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

CHARLES ENDICOTT, of Canton, - - - - - - - 543
JOHN H. JENNINGS, of New Bedford, - - - - - 278
DAVID N. SKILLINGS, of Winchester, - - - - - - 61
Scattering Votes, - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

For Auditor.

JULIUS L. CLARKE, of Newton, - - - - - - - 543
DAVIS J. KING, of Boston, - - - - - - - - - 279
JOHN E. FITZGERALD, of Boston, - - - - - - - 58
Scattering Votes, - - - - - - - - - - - - 3

For Attorney General.

GEORGE MARSTON, of New Bedford, - - - - - - 543
WILLIAM D. NORTHEND, of Salem, - - - - - - 278
RICHARD OLNEY, of Boston, - - - - - - - - - 61
Scattering Votes, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

For Representative to 46th Congress, 5th District.

SELWYN Z. BOWMAN, of Somerville, - - - - - - 557
NATHAN CLARK, of Lynn, - - - - - - - - - 308
Scattering Votes, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

For Councillor, 6th District.

JOSEPH A. HARWOOD, of Littleton, - - - - - - 545
ALONZO V. LYNDE, of Melrose, - - - - - - - - 334
Scattering Votes, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

For Senator 6th Middlesex District.

DANIEL RUSSELL, of Melrose, - - - - - - - - 555
SUMNER W. KIMBALL, of Stoneham, - - - - - - 323

FOR REGISTER OF PROBATE.

JOSEPH H. TYLER, of Winchester,	547
WILLIAM V. THOMPSON, of Cambridge,	333
Scattering Votes,	2

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

J. HENRY READ, of Westford,	541
THOMAS H. HILL, of Woburn,	342
Scattering Votes,	1

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT,
11th MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

AZEL AMES, Jr. of Wakefield,	451
LUCIUS BEEBE, of Wakefield,	331
WILLIAM F. YOUNG, of Wakefield,	90
Scattering Votes,	2

PERTAINING TO TOWN BUSINESS,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

John M. Cate was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2 To receive and act upon the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Voted. That the List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen and revised by the town, be accepted and adopted. (See page 5).

ART. 3. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars for the payment of claims under the act of the year 1878, relating to military relief.

Voted. That the sum of Two thousand dollars ($2,000), be appropriated for the payment of claims under the act of 1878, relating to Military Relief.

ART. 4. To see if the town will establish and confirm the South line of Greenwood Street from the Boston and Maine Railroad to Main Street, as the fence now stands, or what they will do about it.

Voted. That the South line of Greenwood Street, from the Boston and Maine Railroad to Main Street, be confirmed and established as the fence now stands.

ART. 5. To see if the town will appoint the members of the C. Wakefield Engine Company, Enginemen for the term of one year, commencing November fifteenth, 1878, or what action it will take thereon.

Voted. That E. A. Upton, A. C. Perkins and James Oliver be a Committee to take this matter into consideration and report at the next town meeting.

ART. 6. To hear and act upon reports of Committees. Dr. E. P. Colby in behalf of the School Committee to whom was referred, at at a previous town meeting, the business of procuring a place for the detention of truants, reported that arrangements could be made with the city of Lowell, whereby truants from this town will be received in the Lowell Reform School, at two dollars per week for board and schooling, and eight dollars per quarter for clothing, and recommending that the same be made.

Voted. That the report be accepted and adopted. (Report recorded in Town Records, Book No. 6, Folio 481).

Voted. That the meeting, so far as relates to town business, be dissolved.

MEETING, JANUARY 21, 1879.

AT 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see what action the town will authorize with reference to the suit commenced against the town by Rodney Edmands, to recover the sum of one hundred dollars, as bounty, together with interest thereon from the year 1863.

Voted. That the Selectmen be a Committee with discretionary power in relation to the management of this matter.

Voted. That, if the Selectmen, upon investigation, deem it expedient to settle with Mr. Edmands, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) be appropriated for that purpose.

ART. 3. To see if the town will authorize the transfer of three hundred dollars from the regular School Appropriation of the current year to the School Contingent Appropriation.

Voted. To pass the article over.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize the transfer of the sum of three hundred dollars, which sum was appropriated for providing lodgings for tramps, to the appropriation for payment of Miscellaneous town Expenses.

Voted. To authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) which sum was appropriated for providing lodgings for tramps, to the Miscellaneous Appropriation.

ART. 5. To see if the town will make an additional appropriation for the Support of the Poor for the current year, or what they will do about it.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to draw orders in favor of the Overseers of the Poor, to the amount of one thousand dollars ($1000) to pay the Expenses of the Poor Department the balance of the Municipal year.

ART. 6. To hear and act upon reports of Town Committees.

There being no Committees to report—

Voted. That the meeting be dissolved.

MEETING, FEB. 24th, 1879.

AT 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Wm. S. Greenough was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the town will choose an Appropriation Committee, and define the duties of said Committee.

Voted. To choose an Appropriation Committee of fifteen from different parts of the town.

Voted. That a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator, to nominate the Committee of fifteen. The Committee reported the following names:

W. S. GREENOUGH.	THOMAS WINSHIP.
JAMES F. EMERSON.	W. H. ATWELL.
S. O. RICHARDSON.	WM. F. YOUNG.
THEO. E. BALCH.	JOSEPH CONNELL.
B. W. OLIVER.	LUCIUS BEEBE.
L. B. EATON.	JOHN PURINGTON.
ISSACHAR STOWELL.	C. F. RICHARDSON.

J. J. MANSFIELD.

And the report was accepted and adopted.

Voted. That the Committee be instructed to adopt the same course that has been pursued by similar Committees, to recommend separate appropriations for Town Debt, and interest on Town Debt, and to print their report in the Annual Town Report.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1871, in reference to choosing Road Commissioners.

Voted. To pass this Article over.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1878, in relation to the election of Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted. To pass this Article over.

ART. 5. To hear and act upon reports of Committees.

There being no Committee to report, it was

Voted. To dissolve the meeting.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1878–9.

For Town Debt and Interest,	$12,000 00
Support of Schools,	12,000 00
School Contingent Fund,	1,000 00
Support of the Poor,	4,500 00
" " " Fire Department,	2,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers,	2,475 00
Expenses of Street Lamps,	1,000 00
Town House Expenses,	1,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,500 00
Lodgings for Tramps,	300 00
Military Aid, New Law, 1877–8,	2,000 00
C. Wakefield Engine Co., (Pay Roll,)	650 00
Support of Beebe Town Library, (including Dog Tax, 1877–8, $337.03,)	437 03
Catalogue for Public Library,	250 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	150 00
Park Extension,	500 00
Sidewalk from Yale Ave. to Cong. Church,	100 00
Spaulding Street Appropriation,	150 00
Greenwood " "	100 00
Murray " "	200 00
New Salem Street "	200 00
Rodney Edmands' claim (conditional)	250 00
Fish Committee's Expenses,	50 00
Town Seal,	25 00
Total,	$45,837 03

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation authorized, ... $12,000 00

Expended as follows:

Teachers' Salaries.

Paid Melvin J. Hill	High School, . .	$1,464 41
Eliza M. Greenwood,	Assistant do. . .	78 00
Martha Keith,	do. do. . .	497 50
M. E. Wentworth,	Advanced Grammar, .	641 76
Abbie S. Perkins,	First " .	513 42
Frederick S. Cutter,	Second " .	816 64
M. Annie Warren,	Third " .	431 75
Elenora Hutchinson,	1st Intermediate, .	489 25
Hannah H. Taft,	2d " . .	190 00
Jennie L. Dearborn,	" " . .	235 90
Alice A. Alexander,	3d " . .	425 92
Myra A. Stearns,	1st Primary, . .	367 50
M. I. Hersey,	2d " . .	443 31
Clara E. Bancroft,	Assistant do. do. . .	94 99
Susan E. Barker,	" 2d Grammar,	97 49
Geo. F. Wilson,	Music Teacher, . .	466 88
Francella M. Evans,	North . . .	412 06
Nellie A. Miller,	West Int., . .	367 50
L. J. Mansfield,	" Primary, . .	399 00
Annie R. Killoran,	East	445 82
Mary J. George,	Greenwood, . .	408 33
Susie D. Turnbull,	Franklin Int., . .	154 99
Susan E. Barker,	do. do. . .	147 00
Alice Field,	do. do. . .	79 17
Emma L. Upham,	do. Primary, . .	397 50
Alice A. Hammond,	Woodville, . . .	304 50
Alice M. Wiley,	do. . . .	84 00
	Total for Salaries, . . .	$10,454 59

Janitors' Services.

Paid William H. Wiley,	High School Building,	$185 00
Abel F. Hutchinson,	Centre Dist., . .	39 42
George E. Gamage,	do. . .	180 00
Amount carried forward,		$404 42

Amount brought forward,		$404 42
Paid Henry Phelps,	North, . . .	39 50
Isaac F. Sheldon,	South, . . .	40 00
George H. Wiley,	East, . . .	78 00
Wm. W. Bessey,	West, . . .	84 00
James E. Buckley,	Franklin, . . .	32 00
H. C. Wilson,	do. . . .	46 00
E. Butterfield,	Woodville, . .	39 33
	Total for Janitors, . .	$763 25

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Benson & Hall,	
92 $\frac{435}{2000}$ Tons Coal at $5.30, . .	$488 75
Basketing, 10½ Tons at .75, . .	7 88
George W. Aborn,	
10 Tons Furnace Coal, at $6.00, . .	60 00
1 Ton Egg Coal, ...	6 50
Basketing, ...	50
2 Cords Oak and Pine Wood, $5.25, .	10 50
4½ " " " 7.00, .	31 50
A. A. Mansfield, Weighing Coal, . .	10 44
Geo. E. Gamage, Prep'g Fuel, . .	12 80
Asaph Evans, " " . .	6 34
W. W. Bessey, " " . .	1 00
Total Fuel Account, .	$636 21

NOTE.—For recapitulation, look beyond at close of contingent Fund.

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Regular Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Received from Mass. State Fund, 1878,		214 03
Total,		$1,214 03

Expended as follows:

Paid Geo. W. White & Co.,	10 Stewart Stoves, at $35,	350 00
" " "	Joints and Labor,	5 00
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	Mats,	21 00
Geo. H. Teague,	Labor and Repairs,	204 72
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	"	65 29
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	39 36
John G. McLeod,	"	50 90
W. J. Moulton,	"	40 00
D. P. Mason,	"	16 00
B. F. Shedd,	"	6 03
M. Madden,	"	2 25
Sidney Merchant,	"	17 00
J. & S. Winship,	"	1 50
Bacon & Sweetser,	"	8 50
Israel A. Parsons,	"	2 60
John Purington,	"	4 70
J. Westgate,	Lumber,	6 28
G. W. Aborn,	Stock for Coal Bin,	3 30
G. C. McKenzie,	Rep'g Clocks,	4 00
F. S. Shaw,	Supplies,	1 50
J. L. Hammett	"	13 15
J. A. Swazey,	Rep'g Blackboards,	21 60
William Gooch,	Tuning Pianos,	4 00
C. E. Tripp,	Books and Stationery,	22 10
Frank A. Morrill,	do.	68 95
John W. Locke,	Stationery,	22 60
F. S. Cutter,	"	4 00
School Committee,	Books furnished Children.	16 19
Doane & Greenough,	Stationery and Ink,	41 89
W. H. Twombly,	Printing,	25 68
S. B. Dearborn,	"	12 00
Citizens' Gas Co.,	Gas,	4 55
Amount carried forward,		$1,106 64

Amount brought forward,		$1,106 64
Paid Thomas Gould,	Labor, ...	15 00
Samuel Kimball,	"	3 00
Wm. H. Wiley,	Labor and Sundries, .	18 00
Geo. E. Gamage,	do. .	40 59
Geo. H. Wiley,	" .	2 00
E. Butterfield,	" .	60
R. Seaver,	" .	65
Geo. F. Wilson,	" .	75
I. F. Sheldon,	" .	10 11
J. H. Wentworth,	Repairing Pump, .	3 00
J. H. Eaton,	Express, . . .	50
L. F. Linnell,	" . . .	25
H. M. Rideout,	Taking Census, . .	25 00
Peterson & Parker, one-half Expense of Curb-stones, front of High School Building,		36 25
Total, ...		$1,262 34

Recapitulation.

Regular School Appropriation brought forward,		$12,000 00
School Contingent Fund " "		1,000 00
Mass. State Fund " "		214 03
Total, ...		$13,214 03
Expended:		
Teachers' Salaries, . .	$10,454 59	
Janitors' Services, . .	763 25	
Fuel Account, . .	636 21	
Incidentals and Repairs, .	1,262 34	
Total,		$13,116 39
Balance unexpended now in hands of School Committee, . . .		$97 64

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized, ... $2,000.00
Expended as follows:

Yale Engine Company.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1878, . .		$905 25
C. E. Townley,	Steward's services, .	45 88
J. H. Emerson,	" " .	12 12
Andrew Young,	use of horses in 1877—8,	22 00
H. N. Winslow,	" " " " "	24 00
James Boyd & Sons,	suction hose, . .	60 00
Hunneman & Co.,	rep'g hose, . .	5 75
H. Emerson & Son,	supplies, . .	7 12
Geo. W. Aborn,	kindlings, . .	2 00
Citizens' Gas Co.,	gas, . . .	7 70
E. W. Eaton,	sundries, . . .	1 25
C. H. Davis,	" . . .	30
J. D. Mansfield,	" . . .	4 28
J. F. Woodward & Son	repairs, . . .	4 50
Israel A. Parsons,	" . . .	7 15
Bacon & Sweetser,	" . . .	78
J. B. Wiley,	" . . .	5 50
J. & S. Winship	" . . .	1 75
L. J. Descalzo,	" . . .	60
S. F. Littlefield & Co.	" . . .	8 67
Wm. Blake & Co.,	bell, . . .	6 50
J. H. Eaton,	express, . .	1 45
Total, . . .		$1,134 55

Chemical Engine Co. No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1878. . .		$151 00
Justin Howard,	steward's services,	21 45
H. N. Winslow,	teaming, . . .	22 21
Oscar Hutchinson,	rent to Aug. 17th, . .	27 35
Cutler Bros.,	soda, ...	30 24
Howe & French,	chemicals, . . .	3 98
Chas. W. Badger,	" . . .	4 16
J. J. Mansfield,	fuel, . . .	5 60
Amount carried forward,		$265 99

Amount brought forward,		$265 99
Justin Howard,	sundries,	2 65
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	gong,	3 75
Chas. H. Davis,	sundries,	2 00
J. F. Woodward & Son,	repairs,	3 20
S. F. Littlefield & Co.	"	2 57
Israel A. Parsons,	"	1 00
J. H. Eaton,	express,	2 00
L. F. Linnell,	"	2 30
	Total,	$285 46

Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1878,		$254 00
John M. Cate,	Rent from Jan. 1st, 1877, to Mar. 1, '79, @ $180 per year.	210 00
C. A. Perkins,	steward's services,	15 00
Fred Emerson,	" "	23 75
A. S. Cobb,	use of horses,	3 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co.	repairs,	2 50
J. D. Mansfield,	chamois skin,	50
	Total,	$508 75

Other Expenses in the Department.

Paid Abram Gould,	Rent of land for Engine House,	$10 00
Geo. I. Oliver,	steward's services,	18 00
Andrew Young,	teaming stones for well in 1877,	5 00
J. H. Emerson,	ringing bell,	3 00
John Murray,	night watch,	3 00
C. A. Peterson,	damages to fence	5 00
J. H. Eaton,	labor on reservoirs,	10 00
Israel A. Parsons,	" "	3 75
J. H. Wentworth,	repairs on town pumps,	25 20
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	" " "	6 99
I. F. Sheldon,	" " "	3 00
Chas. H. Davis,	" " "	75
	Total,	$93 69

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Company No. 1, ...	$1,134 55
Chemical Engine Company No. 1, . . .	285 46
Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, .	508 75
Sundry other Expenses, ...	93 69
Total Expended, . . .	$2,022 45
Balance overdrawn, carried to Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses . . .	22 45
	$2,000 00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$4,500 00
Paid Cyrus N. White, Chairman of Overseers, as per receipts, ...	5,500 00
Balance overdrawn, . .	$1,000 00

For details of Expenditures, see Report of Overseers of the Poor.

NOTE.—By vote of the town, Jan. 21st, the Selectmen were authorized to draw orders in excess of this Appropriation to the extent of $1,000.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized,	$2,475 00
Expended as follows :	
Paid Board of Auditors for 1877—8,	100 00
" " Selectmen, 1878—9,	400 00
" " Assessors, "	350 00
" " Overseers of Poor, "	150 00
" " Engineers, "	75 00
" " School Committee,	200 00
J. F. Emerson, Treas. to March 1st, 1878,	50 00
C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, 1878—9,	100 00
" " " " Recording Statistics	81 25
" " Sealer of Weights and Measures.	10 00
Richard Britton, Collector in full for 1876,	125 00
" " " on account for 1878,	300 00
Wm. N. Tyler, Expenses as Committee of Juvenile Offenders,	7 65
Daniel Carey, Truant Officer for 1877,	35 00
Oliver Walton, Undertaker's Return of Deaths,	14 00
Wm. G. Skinner, " " "	3 75
John A. Meloney, " " "	2 00
Constables and Police, (see details below),	350 90
Total,	$2,354 55
Balance unexpended,	120 45
	$2,475 00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE SERVICES.

Appropriation recommended,		$400 00
Expended as follows:		
OUTSTANDING BILLS PREVIOUS to Apr. 1, 1878.		
Paid John F. Alexander,	Police Duty,	$3 40
John Drugan,	" "	12 70
Isaac F. Sheldon,	" "	10 00
Daniel Carey,	" "	4 90
" "	Constable Duty,	8 00
" "	Notifying taxpayers of 1874,	36 25
Total,		$75 25

Bills for Present Year.

Paid Chas. H. Davis,	Constable Duty.	. .	$11 00
Oliver Walton,	" "	. .	5 00
Chas. H. Davis,	Police "	. .	43 00
F. G. Coker,	" "	. .	38 20
John Drugan,	" "	. .	25 30
Henry Eustis,	" "	. .	37 60
John F. Alexander,	" "	. .	15 30
Israel A. Parsons,	" "	. .	23 50
Moses Staples,	" "	. .	7 00
Alexander Turnbull,	" "	. .	7 00
C. F. Bickford,	" "	. .	7 00
H. D. Hoyt,	" "	. .	7 00
R. L. Cooper,	" "	. .	5 25
Timothy Reagan,	" "	. .	16 50
John Raynor,	" "	. .	7 00
Wm. H. Gray,	" "	. .	7 00
John H. Eaton,	" "	. .	7 00
Fred Emerson,	" "	. .	2 00
R. H. Mitchell,	" "	. .	2 00
C. A. Perkins,	" "	. .	2 00
	Total, ...		$275 65

Recapitulation.

Old bills previous to 1878, ...	$75 25
Bills for the year 1878—9, ...	275 65
Total, ...	$350 90
Balance unexpended, ...	49 10
	$400 00

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Expended as follows :		
Paid Citizens' Gas Co.	for gas,	$552 66
David Flanders	" lighting,	37 00
E. W. Ricker,	" "	161 08
" " "	" sundries,	4 50
I. F. Sheldon,	lighting and care of lamps,	80 00
Tufts Bros.,	lamp, post and lantern,	14 50
Nathaniel Tufts,	" " "	16 50
F. G. Coker,	setting " "	3 00
B. B. Burbank,	burners &c.	7 20
L. J. Descalzo,	repairs,	20 24
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	1 25
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	"	6 62
J. H. Eaton,	express,	2 00
W. A. Cutter & Co.	supplies,	24 10
Cutler Bros.,	"	4 44
	Total,	$935 09
	Balance unexpended,	64 91
		$1,000 00

SUPPORT OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Regular appropriation,	$100 00
Dog Tax of 1877—8,	337 03
Appropriation for Catalogue,	250 00
Total,	$687 03
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treas. of Trustees as per rects.,	687 03

For details of expenditures see Trustees' Report.

TOWN HOUSE EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., for Gas,		$397 95
F. G. Coker,	Janitor,	258 50
" "	Supplies and Repairs,	10 25
" "	Meals furnished prisoners,	20 48
C. O. Anderson,	Blankets for Lockup,	11 00
F. S. Shaw,	Mattresses, "	6 00
G. W. Aborn,	26 $\frac{340}{2000}$ Tons Coal at $5.50,	143 94
" "	Johnson Pump,	6 40
J. L. Hammett.	Repairing Settees,	15 00
Cutler Brothers,	Supplies,	5 06
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	Supplies,	3 67
Bacon & Sweetser,	Repairs,	1 80
L. J. Descalzo,	"	90
J. H. Eaton,	Express,	1 60
James Oliver, Chairman of Selectmen, to pay bills for Repairs of Selectmen's and Town Clerk's Rooms, as per contract,		28 00
Total,		$910 55
Balance unexpended,		89 45
		$1,000 00

NOTE —The Janitor reports that the Hall has been opened seventy-five times during the year, thirty-seven of which *free* use has been given, for town purposes, and Temperance Organizations. The receipts for the Hall amounted to $469.68.

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation authorized,	$150 00
Paid Geo. H. Teague, for Post 12, G. A. R.,	150 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Regular appropriation,		$1,500 00
Transferred from appropriation for "Lodgings for Tramps," by vote of Town, Jan. 21st, 1879,		300 00
Total appropriations,		$1,800 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid John M. Cate, Rent of Armory, from Jan. 1st, 1878, to Mch. 1st, 1879, at $350 per year,		$408 33
Citizens' Gas Co..	gas for R. L. G's,	34 65
Geo. W. Aborn,	fuel for Armory,	11 00
W. H. Twombly,	pt'g town reports, 1877–8	292 00
" "	sundry pt'g & adv'ng,	88 85
S. B. Dearborn,	printing,	6 75
Doane & Greenough,	books and stationery,	51 63
John W. Locke,	stamps,	7 00
C. F. Hartshorne,	sundries for Town Clerk,	15 05
M. R. Warren,	license blanks,	1 50
J. S. Eaton,	sundries,	1 95
Wm. H. Gray,	envelopes,	1 50
" "	picture frames,	4 76
Board of Health,	sundries,	30 38
P. B. Teed,	care of trees,	31 85
E. W. Eaton,	oil for "	2 00
Charles Hart,	labor on trees,	75
E. C. Bates,	tree protector,	1 80
F. G. Coker,	boards for check lists	1 25
" "	posting bills,	1 50
" "	rep'g railing on common,	2 00
J. H. Emerson,	ringing bell,	5 00
Moses Staples,	" "	3 00
R. H. Mitchell,	" "	3 00
Geo. Abbott,	care of flagg staff,	5 00
Wm. G. Skinner,	circulating town reports,	12 00
P. J. Reagan,	damages to land for gravel pit,	100 00
J. J. Mansfield and Thomas Green,	services as Referees in matter of P. J. Reagan,	3 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,127 50

Amount brought forward,		$1,127 50
Paid Geo. W. Aborn,	posts, . . .	6 00
Wm. K. Perkins,	labor, . . .	4 00
Cyrus Kimball,	steel bar for drills, .	6 98
C. H. Davis,	for police badges, .	7 50
Israel A. Parsons,	repairs on flagg staff,	14 85
A. W. Parker,	painting " "	25 00
C. F. Hartshorne,	selling grass at auction,	2 00
C. H. Stearns,	repairing common drain,	3 81
Geo. W. Aborn,	drain pipe for Woodville,	5 40
T. E. Balch,	account of truants, .	3 84
Bacon & Sweetser,	repairing street signs,	9 00
F. G. Coker,	Juror box, . . .	1 00
" "	sundries for hearse, .	.90
Oliver Walton,	labor old cemetery, .	1 00
S. F. Littlefield,	sundry repairs, .	2 90
J. & S. Winship,	" " .	87
Michael O'Connell,	labor, . . .	18
L. F. Linnell,	express, . . .	50
Frank A. Winship,	damages on the Highway,	31 10
Abel F. Hutchinson, (in settlement of bill on account Schools refused by School Com.,)		35 58
James French,	For defective tax titles,	110 52
Geo. W. Aborn,	" redemption of tax title,	25 35
Peterson & Parker	1-2 Expense of curb-stones in front of High School Building, . .	36 25
C. W. Eaton,	legal services, . .	46 50
Eaton & Hamilton	" " . .	70 00
James Lahey,	bound posts, . .	15 00
Amos Hill,	setting " " . .	3 56
Town of Stoneham,	" " . .	3 00
C. H. Stearns,	" " . .	2 37
James Oliver,	" " . .	1 00
Levi Flanders,	" " . .	1 00
David Flanders,	" " . .	50
J. A. Bancroft,	surveying Lake Quannapowitt, and making Plan, ...	33 00
Labor and expenses of the Fish Committee, in assisting Mr. Bancroft in the survey, .		44 17
Amount carried forward,		$1,682 13

Amount brought forward,		$1,682 13
Paid E. E. Emerson, for 4th of July Celebration,		100 00
Balance overdrawn on Fire Department,		22 45
Total,		$1,804 58
Balance overdrawn,		4 58
		$1,800 00

TOWN SEAL.

Appropriation authorized		$25 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid K. S. Nichols for design,	$5 00	
N. S. Dearborn, seal and press,	18 00	
Total,	$23 00	
Balance unexpended,	2 00	
	$25 00	

LODGINGS FOR TRAMPS.

Appropriation authorized	$300 00

Transferred to Miscellaneous Expense Account by Vote of Town, Jan 21st, 1879.

C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE CO.

Appropriation authorized	$650 00

Unexpended.

MILITARY AID. NEW LAW OF 1877-8.

Appropriation authorized,	$2,000 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid J. Frank Thompson,	199 14
Andrew Mellen,	90 71
Nelson Gammans,	92 00
Charles Hart,	69 00
Martin Bannon,	92 00
Patrick Fay,	77 63
H. D. Hoyt,	108 50
Charles E. Tucker,	66 50
John W. Madden,	68 00
Patrick Lannergan,	48 00
Alexander Boyd,	50 50
Peter Connell,	45 00
Daniel W. Chase,	45 00
Elbridge A. Wiley,	52 50
Geo. H. Kidder,	33 00
Daniel E. Shannahan,	33 00
William Sweeney,	41 50
Alexander A. Stubbs,	24 50
Daniel Doherty,	21 00
Dennis O'Connell,	24 50
John H. Tyler,	9 00
Edward Guihon,	9 00
Wm. B. Brown,	9 00
John F. Alexander,	9 00
Total,	$1,317 98
Balance unexpended,	682 02
	$2,000 00

NOTE.—The above expense will be refunded by the State.

RODNEY EDMANDS' CLAIM.

Appropriation (conditional,)	$250 00
Paid James Oliver, Chairman of Selectmen, and now held by him,	250 00

EXPENSES OF FISH COMMITTEE.

Balance in hands of Committee as per last report,	$44 80
Amount appropriated in 1878,	50 00
Total,	$94 80
Expended as follows:	
Paid for teaming Alewives,	$27 00
" " Landlocked Salmon,	2 00
" burying fish and posting notices,	2 50
Expenses to and from Newbury, N. H., after fresh water Smelts,	18 85
Lynn Commissioners, for services,	15 00
Constables' fees,	1 00
Labor on river and dam,	4 00
Use of horses to Winchester and Saugus,	4 00
Fish tanks,	3 90
Miscellaneous expenses,	6 42
Total,	$84 67
Balance unexpended and now in hands of Fish Committee,	10 13
	$94 80

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized,				$3,000 00
By vote of the Board of Selectmen, April 18th, 1878, the above amount was apportioned as follows:				
Retained to pay amounts due Surveyors of last year,				$205 46
Retained for emergencies,				94 54
Centre District,	C. H. Stearns,	Surveyor,		650 00
North "	C. P. Poland,	"		400 00
South "	L. B. Eaton,	"		400 00
East "	Thomas Gould,	"		375 00
West "	Cyrus Kimball,	"		600 00
Woodville"	Joshua Perham,	"		275 00
Total,				$3,000 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows:

BALANCES DUE SURVEYORS OF 1877.

Amount retained,	$205 46
Expended as follows:	
Paid Levi Flanders, balance due as per report,	$109 22
" " sundry repairs not included in said report,	5 00
C. P. Poland, balance due as per report,	10 60
L. B. Eaton, " " "	7 77
H. W. Nichols, " " "	40 35
Joshua Perham, " " "	32 52
Total,	$205 46

RESERVED FOR EMERGENCIES.

Amount retained,	$94 54
Expended as follows:	
Paid C. P. Poland, Surveyor North District, additional allowance,	$55 00
Murray St. Appropriation overdrawn,	7 33
New Salem St. " "	2 91
H. W. Nichols, for labor in March, 1878,	1 90
Richard Britton, taxes for labor on Highway,	2 25
F. G. Coker, for guide boards,	7 00
C. H. Stearns, for setting bounds,	4 96
G. W. Aborn, labor account New Salem Street,	50
M. O. Shaughnessy, labor acc't Valley Street,	7 00
Thomas W. Coombs, " " Lafayette "	2 00
Michael O'Connell, damages,	1 19
Albert Mansfield, ½ Expense repairing Saugus River Bridge,	2 50
Total,	$94 54

CENTRE DISTRICT.—C. H. STEARNS, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor, . .	$650 00
Amount appropriated for Sidewalk from Yale Ave. to Congregational Church, ...	100 00
Received from sundry individuals for soil, labor, &c.,	33 80
Total receipts . .	$783 80
Expended as follows:	
Paid C. H. Stearns, Surveyor, self and team, for labor on highway, ...	$209 40
C. H. Stearns, breaking snow, . . .	40 50
Sundry individuals as per pay roll, for labor on Highway, ...	489 78
Sundry individuals for breaking snow, . .	45 80
" " " gravel, . . .	25 95
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe and cedar posts,	34 30
James Westgate, lumber, ...	6 39
S. F. Littlefield & Co., pipe and tools, . .	20 66
Cutler Brothers, tools, ...	75
Thomas Leavis, use of machine, . . .	1 50
J. J. Mansfield, lumber, ...	2 10
J. N. Eames, blacksmith, ...	2 48
J. B. Whitney, "	1 00
Total, . . .	$880 61
Balance in excess of appropriation, and now due C. H. Stearns, Surveyor, ...	96 81
	$783 80

NORTH DISTRICT.—C. P. POLAND, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor, .	$400 00
Amount drawn from " Fund for Emergencies," .	55 00
Received for sundries, ...	1 50
	$456 50
Expended as follows:	
Paid C. P. Poland, Surveyor, for self and team, labor on Highway, ...	$133 37
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor on Highway, ...	283 38
Amount carried forward,	$416 75

Amount brought forward,		$416 75
Paid Joseph Connell,	gravel, . . .	6 56
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	supplies, . . .	21 36
J. N. Eames,	blacksmith, . .	3 55
Charles Gorham,	posts, . . .	6 00
Geo. Packard,	lumber, . . .	4 92
D. Batchelder,	" . . .	50
Cutler Brothers,	tools, . . .	63
		$460 27
Balance now due Mr. Poland,	. . .	3 77
		$456 50

In addition to the above, Mr. Poland reports bills for labor and removing snow, to the amount of $57.18, which will increase the amount due him to $60.95.

South District.—L. B. Eaton, Surveyor.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor,	.	$400 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid L. B. Eaton, Surveyor, for self and team, labor on Highway,		$147 77
L. B. Eaton, breaking snow,		7 50
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor on Highway,		218 49
Sundry individuals for breaking snow,	.	11 87
Samuel Kimball,	for gravel, . .	11 60
Joshua Eames,	blacksmith, . .	4 07
Cutler Brothers,	tools, . . .	3 72
	Total, . . .	$405 02
Balance now due Mr. Eaton,		5 02
		$400 00

East District.—Thomas Gould, Surveyor.

Amount apportioned and drawn by Surveyor,	.	$375 00
Received for soil and labor,		8 62
		$383 62

Expended as follows:

Paid Thomas Gould, Surveyor, self and team, for labor on the highway,	$91 93
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor,	247 25
" " for gravel,	22 33
Joshua Walton, blacksmith,	2 21
G. N. Littlefield & Co., drain pipe,	28 98
	$392 70
Balance now due Mr. Gould,	9 08
	$383 62

Mr. Gould reports additional unpaid bills to the amount of $29.55 for clearing snow, thereby increasing the balance due him to $38.63.

West District.—Cyrus Kimball, Surveyor.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor,	$600 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Cyrus Kimball, surveyor, self and team, for labor on highway,	$145 13
Cyrus Kimball, for clearing snow,	38 25
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor on highway,	381 25
Sundry individuals for clearing snow,	29 05
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe,	12 60
T. Brooks Hadley, for blasting,	6 57
Cutler Brothers, " tools,	1 15
J. B. Whitney, Jr., repairing tools,	3 25
G. N. Littlefield & Co., tools,	2 12
For railroad sleepers,	1 00
Total,	$620 37
Balance now due Mr. Kimball,	20 37
	$600 00

Woodville District.—Joshua Perham, Surveyor.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor,	$275 00
Expended as follows:	

Paid Joshua Perham, self and team, for labor on the highway,	$122 87
Joshua Perham, for removing snow,	19 53
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor,	103 95
" " for gravel,	26 60
Tools and repairs,	2 05
Total,	$275 00

Mr. Perham also presents a bill for $29.10 which is now due him.

IMPROVEMENTS ON PARK EXTENSION.

Appropriation authorized,	$500 00
Expended as follows, under the direction of the Selectmen:	
Paid C. H. Stearns, foreman, for self and team,	$84 92
Sundry individuals as per pay roll, for labor,	315 03
Peterson & Parker, covering stone for drain,	63 00
N. H. Dow, " " and labor,	17 35
Levi Flanders, stone for drain,	1 50
Patrick Hennessey, stone for drain,	1 50
T. Brooks Hadley, blasting,	7 92
Thomas Leavis, use of machine,	4 00
	$495 22
Balance unexpended now in hands of James Oliver, Chairman of Selectmen,	4 78
	$500 00

SPAULDING STREET APPROPRIATION.

Special appropriation authorized,	$150 00
Expended as follows:	

Paid Levi Flanders, foreman, for labor and sundries,		$42 50
Sundry individuals, as per pay roll for labor,		83 19
Joseph Connell,	for stone,	2 25
F. G. Coker,	guide board and post,	2 00
Blacksmith and stone,		81
		$130 75
Balance unexpended paid into the Town Treasury, (see Treasurer's Report,)		19 25
		$150 00

MURRAY STREET APPROPRIATION.

Special appropriation authorized,	$200 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Cyrus Kimball, foreman, for labor, self and team,	$35 06
Sundry individuals as per pay roll for labor,	166 27
T. Brooks Hadley, blasting,	4 75
J. B. Whitney,	1 25
	$207 33
Balance overdrawn taken from fund retained for Emergencies,	7 33
	$200 00

NEW SALEM STREET APPROPRIATION.

Special appropriation authorized,		$200 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Thomas Gould, foreman, for labor,		$15 58
Sundry individuals as per pay roll, for labor,		154 95
Michael Hickey,	for gravel.	24 14
C. A. Peterson,	" "	7 84
Blacksmith,		40
Amount carried forward,		$202 91

Amount brought forward,	$202 91
Balance overdrawn taken from fund retained for Emergencies,	2 91
	$200 00

GREENWOOD STREET APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation authorized,	$100 00
Paid John K. Gilman, land damages,	100 00

SIDEWALK FROM YALE AV. TO CONG. CHURCH.

Appropriation authorized,	$100 00

This appropriation was expended under the direction of Charles H. Stearns, and is included in the report of Highways, Centre District, C. H. Stearns, surveyor.

NOTE.—The prices paid in the various Highway Districts, were, for surveyors, $1.75 per day; laborers, $1.50 per day; horse and cart, $1.50 per day.—AUDITORS.

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT.

Tax of 1876.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$4,122 69
Received as interest,		504 09
		$4,626 78
Paid Town Treasurer,	$4,068 26	
Abated by Assessors,	522 27	
		$4,590 53
Balance uncollected,		$36 25

Tax of 1877.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$9,389 07
Added by Assessors,		28 29
Received as interest,		279 56
		$9,696 92
Paid Town Treasurer,	$5,579 40	
Abated by Assessors,	41 10	
Discounts allowed,	4 12	
		$5,614 62
Balance uncollected,		$4,082 30

Tax of 1878.

Total amount assessed,		$49,041 00
Received as interest,		27 01
		$49,068 01
Paid Town Treasurer,	$37,341 20	
Abated by Assessors,	606 19	
Discounts allowed,	1,726 93	
		$39,674 32
Balance uncollected,		$9,393 69

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES F. EMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

DR.

To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1878,		$3,838 95
hired on Town Notes,		36,000 00
release of tax deeds,		368 80
interest received on taxes and loans,		113 36
sale of Town History,		12 00
C. H. Derby, highway surveyor, unexpended balance of 1877,		25
Richard Britton, collector, 1876,	4,068 26	
" " " 1877,	5,579 40	
" " " 1878,	37,341 20	
liquor licenses,		303 00
Daniel Norcross, Auctioneer license,		2 00
Chas. F. Hartshorne, " "		2 00
Francis Williams, " "		2 00
W. G. Skinner, " "		2 00
income from Town Hall,		496 68
sale of common grass,		35 75
unexpended balance of Spaulding Street Appropriation,		19 25
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,		1,505 21
" " National Bank tax,		954 43
" " State Aid,		1,849 00
" " Armory rent, bal. 1876,		151 60
" " " "		300 00
" " School fund,		214 03
County Treasurer, account of dog tax,		295 18
		$93,454 35

CR.

By cash paid, Town orders,		$33,651 37
"	Principal on loan,	43,000 00
"	interest, on loan,	6,243 39
"	State Treas. ¼ liquor license receipts,	75 75
"	J. M. Cate, Armory rent,	151 60
"	State aid account,	2,056 50
"	Richard Britton, collector for tax titles,	360 61
"	for register of deeds,	11 05
"	Saugus tax,	4 50
"	release deeds,	27 00
"	expense of auction sale of tax titles,	56 31
"	State tax,	2,540 00
"	" Bank tax,	783 87
"	County tax,	1,834 80
"	School Com. State school fund,	214 03
"	Library Trustees, interest of Flint memorial fund,	60 00
Balance cash in Treasury,		2,383 57
		$93,454 35

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1878,	$101,600 00
since hired by Treasurer,	36,000 00
	$137,600 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1878,	43,000 00
Total Loans,	$94,600 00

Loans are now held, March 5, 1879, as follows:

State Treasurer, due May 1, 1879,	$10,000 00
Charles Bancroft Estate, due Oct. 10, 1880,	7,500 00
James Bancroft, due Oct. 10, 1880,	3,750 00
Mary A. Murray, due Oct. 10, 1880,	3,750 00
State Treasurer, due May 20, 1881,	19,600 00
Bonds to Bearer, $1,000 each, due June 1, 1881,	19,000 00
" " " " " May 1, 1882,	30,000 00
A. B. Gardner, Executrix, due on demand,	1,000 00
Total,	$94,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes and Bonds bearing interest, March 5, 1879,	$94,600 00	
Due on State Aid Pension account,	85 00	
Outstanding town orders,	134 39	
Accrued interest on Notes and Bonds to this date,	1,877 16	
Total Liabilities,		$96,696 55
Cash balance in Treasury,	2,383 57	
Due from State on account of State aid as per return, Dec. 31, 1878,	2,054 00	
Military aid, total paid to date of repeal of 1878 law,	1,317 98	
Tax deeds held by Treasurer,	1,085 29	
Due on Tax List, 1876,	36 25	
" " 1877,	4,082 30	
" " 1878,	9,393 69	
Total assets,		$20,353 08
Net debt,		76,343 47
Net debt, as per report last year,	83,806 58	
" " " this year,	76,343 47	
Decrease since 1878 report,	$7,463 11	

STATE AID.

Amount allowed to various individuals for the year ending March 1, 1879.	2,094 50	
Balance due and unpaid March 1, 1878,	47 00	
		$2,141 50
The Treasurer has paid of above amount,	2,056 50	
Due various individuals, unpaid to March 1, 1879,	85 00	
		$2,141 50

The amounts which have been paid to each person appear in the following statement.

Israel F. Barnes,	$54 00	Sarah S. Mason,	48 00
Elizabeth Bateman,	72 00	Elizabeth Moses,	52 00
W. W. Bessey,	72 00	James Oliver,	29 00
Mary V. Brown,	48 00	Johanna Orpin,	48 00
E. C. Bryant, Guardian for W. C. Bryant,	110 00	Esther S. Parker,	44 00
		William D. Parker,	60 00
Augusta M. Chandler,	48 00	Lucy Poland,	48 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	52 00	Julia A. Ross,	52 00
Thomas W. Coombs,	72 00	John S. Sargent,	26 00
John Davis,	96 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
Rodney Edmands,	72 00	Geo. W. Townsend,	120 00
Alexander Flanders,	52 00	James Weary,	33 00
O. N. Gammons,	27 00	Geo. N. Whiting,	66 00
Micah Heath,	96 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	66 00
Needham C. Hunter,	45 00	John Wiley, 2d,	72 00
Joseph P. Hurd,	45 00	Hiram Woodis,	96 00
George H. Jackson,	19 50		
Lucinda Locke,	48 00	Total,	$2,056 50

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

	Tax.	Date of Deeds.	
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875.	12 00
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31, 1875.	18 00
Albert Day,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	30 51
John Hill,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	15 44
Geo. H. Jackson,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	32 18
Geo. Kempton,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	7 06
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	18 78
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	99 16
A. J. Perham & W. W. Bessey,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	27 15
C. Wakefield Estate,	1875,	July 6, 1877.	543 18
James M. Piper.	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878.	8 15
William Burditt,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878.	4 54
William Burditt,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878.	21 30
John Stevens,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878.	27 37
Daniel C. Murphy,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878.	34 29
Daniel Sharp,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878.	58 21
Thos. Lord,	1876,	Jan. 6, 1879.	94 64
Thos Lord,	1876,	Jan. 6, 1879.	18 71
Saml. E. Currier,	1876,	Jan. 6, 1879.	14 62
			$1,085 29

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year ending April 1st, 1879.

EXPENSES AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

GROCERIES.

Paid	Dana & Co.,	$ 36 05	
"	Cutler Brothers,	139 25	
"	G. W. Sanford,	72 02	
"	W. A. Cutter,	2 10	
"	E. W. Eaton,	192 04	
"	S. P. Hill & Co.,	16 29	
"	W. Green,	4 03	
"	E. B. Kendrick	10 24	
"	W. L. Griffin,	78 81	
			$550 83

FLOUR AND GRAIN.

Paid	Dana & Co.,	$ 44 75	
"	G. W. Sanford,	194 91	
"	Cutler Brothers,	132 25	
"	E. W. Eaton,	88 82	
"	W. L. Griffin,	104 70	
			$565 43

PROVISIONS.

Paid	W. D. Deadman,	$384 32	
"	J. W. Jenkins,	7 77	
			$392 09

Amount carried forward, $1,508 35

Amount brought forward,			$1,508 35
FRESH FISH.			
Paid E. Butler,	$ 8 02		
" W. H. Godfrey,	21 58		
			$29 60
BREAD AND CRACKERS.			
Paid J. A. Dill,			$38 00
DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.			
Paid G. W. Brackett,	$ 2 10		
" W. M. Stocker,	113 16		
" J. Martin,	111 66		
			$226 92
BOOTS AND SHOES.			
Paid R. Britton,			$68 82
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.			
Paid F. S. Shaw,	$ 41 30		
" D. Goss,	3 55		
" S. F. Littlefield,	97 41		
" M. Philips, repairs,	4 60		
			$146 86
COAL.			
Paid G. W. Aborn,	$ 12 00		
" J. J. Mansfield,	26 00		
" Benson & Hall,	121 00		
			$159 00
PHYSICIANS' SERVICES AND MEDICINE.			
Paid Dr. S. W. Abbott,	$ 69 25		
" " J. D. Mansfield, for medicine,	64 55		
			$133 80
BURIAL EXPENSES.			
W. Burditt, deceased, (O. Walton, Sext'n)	$24 00		
E. Cochran, " " " "	17 00		
			$41 00
SUNDRIES.			
Paid J. H. Eaton, express charges,	$ 7 05		
" S. Sawyer, pasturing calves,	8 00		
Amounts carried forward,		$15 05	$2,352 35

	Amounts brought forward,	$15 05	$2,352 35
Paid	J. G. Morrill, ice,	18 00	
"	Winship Bros., repairs,	17 90	
"	B. W. Oliver, apples,	6 30	
"	P. P. Hone, grass,	27 90	
"	McKenzie, repairs on clock,	3 60	
"	P. O. Box and newspapers,	10 12	
"	Car tickets and expense,	6 60	
"	Burke, harness and repairs,	56 67	
"	Cutler Bros., field and garden seeds,	5 56	
"	H. L. Haskell, repairs on buildings,	32 72	
"	A. E. Judgkins, " "	4 75	
"	Fairbanks, " "	11 51	
"	Westgate, " "	90	
"	Cash to inmates,	3 20	
"	School books and stationery,	3 07	
"	Parker & Gannett, churn,	7 00	
"	Bryden, horse treatment,	5 00	
"	J. Blunt, blacksmithing,	18 87	
"	J. Eames, "	17 42	
"	J. B. Whitney, "	6 75	
"	J. Cronan, labor,	33 75	
"	C. Thomas, "	5 00	
"	N. M. Eaton, "	3 00	
"	D. C. Wright, "	4 50	
"	H. Oliver, "	25 80	
"	H. Lewis, "	12 50	
"	B. W. Oliver, "	18 00	
"	A. Young, "	6 25	
"	Mrs. Brenan, "	1 00	
"	Joseph Tuttle, keeper for year ending April 1, 1879,	350 00	
			$748 69

STOCK.

Paid	R. B. Wright, horse,	$175 00	
"	John Goodwin, pigs,	30 00	
"	Sundries,	3 00	
			$208 00
	Total expense at Almshouse,		$3,309 04

Total expense at Almshouse, brought forward,		$3,309 04

RECEIPTS.

Received of Miss A. M. Hammond, board,	$ 99 00	
Miss M. H. Rollins, "	12 00	
Mr. Joseph Hawkes, "	90 00	
from sale of stock, . . .	46 00	
Mrs. Leggett, milk, . .	25 67	
Mr. Palmer, " . .	33 00	
A. G. Sweetser, " . .	10 00	
J. Morton, " . .	10 72	
W. D. Deadman, veal, .	11 16	
" " peas, .	6 37	
" " cabbages, .	7 13	
" " pork, .	31 38	
D. G. Walton, milk & produce,	62 95	
" " pasturing horse,	6 00	
H. Oliver, hay, . . .	24 80	
use of horse, . . .	1 00	
Sundries, ...	7 05	
Total receipts, .		$484 23
Net expense at the almshouse,		$2,824 81

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to G. M. Ardell, . . .	$38 80	
M. Bladden, . . .	13 00	
C. Bowman, . . .	6 00	
M. Bransfield, . . .	5 25	
J. Burditt, . . .	14 50	
C. C. L. Butler, . . .	73 93	
E. Cochran, ...	4 50	
M. Connell, ...	6 00	
Peter Connell, . . .	27 40	
Mrs. W. W. Courtney, . .	10 50	
L. Denehey, ...	5 50	
B. Derby, ...	108 43	
J. Develin, ...	22 50	
Patrick Devine, . . .	6 00	
M. Donnahoe, . . .	14 63	
Amount carried forward,	$356 94	

Amount brought forward,		$356 94	
Supplies to	Mrs. W. Feehen	42 97	
	John Foley's boys,	112 00	
	Patrick Hennessey,	5 00	
	Michael Hurley,	25 00	
	Rachel Johnson,	40 45	
	Geo. Junkins,	15 65	
	Jane Kelley,	42 90	
	M. F. Leslie,	4 00	
	J. W. Madden,	11 50	
	Samuel Mayo,	20 50	
	James McMahan,	27 00	
	Dennis O'Connell,	11 25	
	Wm. O'Neil,	75 90	
	Daniel Shannahan,	16 50	
	S. Smith,	3 00	
	Wm. Sweeney,	18 75	
	Walter Tuttle's boy,	17 00	
	Edward Welch,	24 12	
	Porter Weston,	110 00	
	Geo. W. Wilder,	106 30	
	Sundries,	3 25	
	Total,		$1,089 98

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Paid	Dr. C. Jordan,	$26 00	
	" J. R. Mansfield,	16 30	
	" S. W. Abbott,	44 50	
	for Patrick Welch, at Lowell,	32 85	
			$119 65

INSANE ASYLUM.

For	Mary E. Adams, at Taunton,	$97 90	
	J. O. Boswell, " Worcester,	198 02	
	Lucilla Dinsmore, " Danvers,	3 00	
	Hannah C. Flynn " "	94 85	
	John Kelley, " "	5 50	
	Mary E. Osborne, " Worcester,	182 97	
	Nelson Sweetser, " "	212 06	
			$794 30
Amount carried forward,			$2,003 93

Amount brought forward,		$2,003 93

EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY, BOSTON.

Etta Slocomb,	$101 65

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

John Kelley,	4 29	
W. H. Manning,	8 56	
		$12 85

REFORM SCHOOL.

Thomas O'Conners, Westborough,	$39 00

BURIAL EXPENSES.

R. Johnson, deceased, O. Walton, Sext'n	$21 50	
J. H. Morrison, " W. G. Skinner, "	8 00	
		$29 50

RELIEF FOR PERSONS OUT OF TOWN WHO HAVE A SETTLEMENT IN WAKEFIELD.

Moses Barnes, Northbridge,	$17 00	
Theresa Blakely, Boston,	16 75	
Mrs. Mary Cullen, Lawrence,	49 80	
P. Farrington, Winchester,	27 73	
William Flynn, Woburn,	2 63	
Mrs. R. T. Foster, board of child,	22 00	
" M. J. Leathe, Stoneham,	35 40	
Walter Linwood, Marblehead,	19 50	
Thomas Manning, Haverhill,	15 20	
Mrs. M. Nichols, Boston,	2 00	
" A. E. Oliver, Reading,	120 00	
" J. Resterick, Charlestown,	51 00	
" A. M. Spencer, Boston,	1 35	
Patrick Welch, Lowell,	47 00	
		$427 36

RELIEF OF PERSONS RESIDING IN THIS TOWN, WHO HAVE A SETTLEMENT IN OTHER PLACES.

W. H. Bachelder, Salem	$3 50	
J. Cunningham, Stoneham,	20 00	
B. Freeby, State,	55 50	
Mrs. J. Haggerty, State,	28 00	
Amounts carried forward,	$107 00	$2,614 29

Amounts brought forward,	$107 00	$2,614 29
J. T. B. Hall, Saugus,	5 25	
J. B. Mertins, State,	17 00	
Thomas Mitchell, "	13 85	
J. M. Morrison, "	16 00	
Mrs. Mary Reagan, "	1 75	
R. S. Reynolds, "	16 00	
Miss Hannah M. Rollins, Andover	22 00	
Mrs. R. L. Stickney, Lexington,	3 75	
" Mrs. H. Thompson, State,	2 00	
		$204 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

Expense of Printing,	$8 25	
" " Tramps,	7 50	
" " J. Connell, as overseer,	1 88	
" " C. N. White, as overseer,	36 37	
		$54 00
Total expense away from almshouse,		$2,872 89

RECEIPTS.

Received from the State, Mrs. M. Connell,	$2 00	
" " " James Develin,	2 00	
" " Saugus, J. T. B. Hall,	5 25	
" of V. H. Osborne, M. E. Osborne,	91 44	
Total receipts,		$100 69
Net expense away from almshouse,		$2,772 20

Recapitulation.

The overseers have received from former Board,	$12 39
The overseers have received from the City of Salem, for W. H. Batchelder, (last year's account,)	8 00
Received from State, for C. H. Carson, (last year's account,)	1 75
Rec'd from State for M. Connell, 1877–8,	1 50
" " " " J. Develin, "	13 05
" " " " Benj. Freeby, "	11 25
Amount carried forward,	$47 94

Amount brought forward,		$47 94	
Rec'd from Saugus for J. T. B. Hall, 1877–8,		21 90	
" " State, for Frank Pendle, "		4 00	
" " " " Mary Reagan, "		22 72	
" " " " John Spenser, "		8 50	
" " Boston, for J. Swintson, "		7 00	
" " Hanover, " G. O. Samson, "		55 71	
" " Orleans, " R. A. Sloan, "		10 00	
" " State, " H. Thompson, "		6 00	
" " Town Treasurer, . . .	$5,500 00		
			$5,683 77
Net expense at the almshouse,	$2,824 81		
" " away from almshouse,	$2,772 20		
			$5,597 01
Cash balance in hands of overseers,			$86 76

Whole number of inmates, . .	20
Average " " . .	16
Present " " . .	12
Tramps relieved this year, . .	1,020
Estimated expense of tramps, .	$357 00

THERE IS NOW DUE FROM THE STATE AND TOWNS

For G. M. Ardell, State, ...	$38 80
" W. H. Batchelder, Salem, . .	3 50
" Mrs. M. Connell, State, . . .	4 00
" W. W. Courtney, " . . .	10 00
" J. Cunningham, Stoneham, . .	20 00
" James Develin, State, . . .	26 80
" Benj. Freeby, " . . .	50 00
" John Mertins, " . . .	17 00
" T. Mitchell, " . . .	17 85
" J. H. Morrison, Somerville, . .	8 00
" J. M. Morrison, " . .	16 00
" Mary Reagan, " . .	1 75
" R. S. Reynolds, " . .	16 00
" Miss M. H. Rollins, Andover, . .	22 00
" Mrs. R. L. Stickney, Lexington, .	3 75
Amount carried forward,	$255 45

Amount brought forward,	$255 45	
For Mrs. H. Thompson, State,	2 00	
" N. C. Hunter, No. Reading,	2 50	
" John Haggerty, State,	28 00	
Total,		$287 95

Unpaid bills against the town March 1, 1879, about $125 00

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Stock,	$516 00
Hay,	231 50
Grain,	16 30
Carriages and farming tools,	609 00
Provisions,	127 50
Miscellaneous,	261 75
Total,	$1,762 05

NOTE.—The item on page 53 of this report for "School Books and Stationery" should be $13.07, instead of $3.07, as there stated.

In conclusion, accounts with other towns, of business transacted since January 1st, and not rendered in the foregoing statement, show a balance in our favor of $165.00, which added to the balance in the Overseers' hands, $86.76, gives a total of $251.76.

During the past year there have been three deaths at the almshouse, all of aged persons, whose attendance gave rise to large expense.

The overseers have in charge, at present, thirteen persons who are inmates of the Lunatic Asylums of the State. Six of these only are at the expense of the town, the remaining seven being provided for by other towns of the Commonwealth, or by private individuals.

The number of persons requiring help away from the almshouse has been largely in excess of previous years, and many have applied for aid the present year for the first time. Of this class some are able and willing to work, could they obtain employment.

On the other hand, it is gratifying to note that the number of tramps provided with lodgings, has decreased from

that of last year. Your overseers would again urge the consideration of requiring these vagrants to work for their lodging. In many towns the Road Commissioners are empowered to utilize this labor upon the highways.

In the absence of Road Commissioners in this town, we would suggest that the Highway Surveyor at the Centre, be instructed to try the experiment. Some more feasible plan may, perhaps, be proposed; but at any rate, we would recommend immediate action of some kind in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CYRUS N. WHITE,
JOSEPH CONNELL,
S. F. LITTLEFIELD.
} Overseers of the town of Wakefield.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen herewith submit, for the inspection and information of the citizens, their annual report with reference to various matters not included in the financial details which are furnished in the accompanying statement of the Auditors.

NEW STREETS.

Murray Street, running northerly from Gould Street to West Chestnut Street, has been graded and improved, under the direction of Cyrus Kimball, surveyor, at a cost of two hundred and seven $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars,—the sum authorized by the town for that purpose, being two hundred dollars.

Spaulding Street, running westerly from Lake Avenue to Lake Quannapowitt, has been constructed under the direction of Mr. Levi Flanders, at a cost of one hundred and thirty $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars,—the sum authorized by the town for that purpose, being one hundred and fifty dollars.

The sum of two hundred and two $\frac{91}{100}$ dollars has been expended for repairs upon New Salem Street, under the direction of the highway surveyor of that district; the sum authorized by the town being two hundred dollars.

PARK EXTENSION.

The sum of five hundred dollars, authorized by the town to be there expended, has been so expended under the immediate direction of the surveyor for the Centre District; the persons employed in the work having been selected from the unemployed class of laborers by the Selectmen, the same individuals being employed for a single week, thus giving aid to the largest possible number.

The considerable extent of territory there remaining unimproved seems to demand such additional annual appropriations as the town may feel able to sanction for that object, in order that its apparent *future possibilities* of beauty and symmetry may be eventually reached and enjoyed.

GUIDE BOARDS.

During the year posts have been erected and signs placed thereon at various points where new streets have been constructed, as well as at the entrances to several private ways; and similar signs throughout the town are generally in good condition, as far as we are informed, and we know of no others at present required.

MILITARY AID.

Under the provisions of Chapter 282, of the Acts of the year 1878, entitled, "An Act to provide additional pay to poor and indigent soldiers and sailors," the Selectmen have paid the sum of $1,317.98; the amounts paid to each person being given by the Auditors.

The above Act, imperfect in its construction, expensive to the Commonwealth, and signally failing to accomplish the purpose for which it was designed, having been repealed on the 22d day of January, 1879, all payments under its provisions ceased with that date; and the said sum of $1,317.98, is now due to the town from the State.

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES.

During the year, the lines between the towns of Melrose and Lynnfield and Wakefield, have been perambulated in accordance with law by a majority of the Selectmen of the respective towns.

The bound-posts and monuments were found in their proper positions, and in good condition, and certificates of said perambulations, jointly signed by the several Selectmen, have been furnished the clerks of the respective towns for record.

LODGING HOUSE APPROPRIATION.

The appropriation of three hundred dollars, authorized by the town at its last annual meeting, to be expended in providing lodgings for "tramps," has not been so expended, but has been, by vote of the town at a recent meeting, transferred to the payment of sundry miscellaneous expenses.

That sum was not deemed sufficient to procure a separate building for the purpose, and the proposition to finish a room in the basement of the Town House, was rejected, for the reason that its construction would increase the rate of insurance

to such an extent as to render the project, in our judgment, unadvisable.

TOWN HALL.

It has been suggested that the acoustic properties of our Hall might be materially and at small expense improved, by the erection of a screen in rear of the speaker's desk, and so arranged, opening in the centre, as to conveniently fold back upon the wall on both sides of the proscenium, when the full extent of the platform is required for concerts or other entertainments.

It is supposed that such an arrangement would effectually prevent the echo, which now perceptibly, and quite unpleasantly, reaches the ears of listeners in certain portions of the Hall.

The *reasonableness* of the suggestion, together with the fact that a new Hall, recently dedicated in a town not distant, has been supplied with a similar screen for a like purpose, would seem to warrant a small expenditure in order to test the experiment.

TOWN HISTORY.

During the year we have to record the sale of twelve copies, and the sum of twelve dollars thus received has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

There are eighteen copies now on hand.

APPROPRIATIONS.

It is customary for the town, at each annual meeting, to authorize certain specified sums to be expended during the year in the various departments, and the sum total of these several appropriations is the basis upon which the Assessors apportion the taxation for that year.

Under the working of the present system it is observable that the amount of money, annually collected, invariably *falls short* of the amount appropriated; and, although the Selectmen may be able to explain the manner in which this deficiency occurs, they are unable to correct it.

The following statement of the figures for a single year—the year 1875—will show how the system works:

Total town appropriations, . .	$51,383 04	
State tax, ...	4,580 00	
County tax, ...	2,938 20	
		$58,901 24

Amount assessed in 1875, . .	$59,087 08	
Amount received as interest, 1875,	998 54	
		$60,085 62
Amount discounted, . . .	$1,831 58	
Amount abated, ...	2,054 43	
		$3,886 01
		$56,199 51

It will be noticed that, exclusive of the sum received by the Collector as interest, the amount collected on tax list of 1875, fell short of the total appropriations nearly three thousand dollars; and it is presumed that the figures for *any* year would exhibit a similar deficiency.

It is respectfully suggested that this annual deficiency may be easily provided for, if the town will annually raise and appropriate a specified sum for this purpose; such sum to be included, in like manner with other town appropriations, by the Assessors in making up the annual rate of taxation.

LICENSES.

During the year the Selectmen have issued, under the Act of 1875, as amended by Act of 1878, Apothecaries' licenses, Class 6, to B. W. Conant, Jos. D. Mansfield and W. H. Piper.

Under the Act of 1875, second and third class licenses for the sale of malt liquors, cider, and light wines, were granted to W. O. Evans, S. H. Nickerson, Michael Foley, Aaron Butler, Geo. Cox, and Patrick Kenney; and the license fees, amounting to three hundred and three dollars, were paid into the town treasury.*

In consequence of non-conformity with the provisions of the Act, the license of the person last named was revoked by the Selectmen.

Geo. Cox, Michael Foley, and S. H. Nickerson, have been licensed as common victuallers.

They have licensed the keeping of billiard saloons by Wm. O. Evans and Solomon H. Nickerson.

William G. Skinner, C. H. Davis, C. F. Hartshorne, and Daniel Norcross, have been licensed as auctioneers.

* One fourth of this amount was paid by the Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, leaving the sum of $227.25.

THE C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE COMPANY'S APPROPRIATION.

The six hundred and fifty dollars, which was authorized to be paid to the members of said Company, by vote of the town, at a meeting holden on the third day of June, 1878, is still unexpended; an injunction issued by the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth, in accordance with the petition of William S. Greenough, and other prominent citizens, having, up to this date, prevented its disbursement.

It is believed that all material facts in the case have been fully presented to the Court, whose decision as to the *right of the town to pass said vote*,—apparently long delayed,—may be soon confidently expected.

It will be observed that the disbursements by the Selectmen, have not exceeded the limit of expenditure fixed by the town at its last annual meeting, with the exception only of the additional sum expended on account of support of the poor, — which excess was authorized by the town at a recent date. And the authorized amounts in the several departments have proved equal to the demand upon them, save in a single instance.

The winter storms have caused considerable extra labor and expense, in removing the snow from streets and walks, and there are unpaid bills of this character in the hands of the Selectmen, amounting, in round numbers, to two hundred and fifty dollars, ($250.)

For the payment of these bills the town should make provision, *in addition* to the sum that may be deemed necessary for use during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAMES OLIVER,
JOHN S. EATON,
BUCHANAN B. BURBANK,
Selectmen of Wakefield.

WAKEFIELD, March 10th, 1879.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The following is the valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, taxed in this town May 1st, 1878:

Real Estate, ...	$3,037,815 00	
Personal Estate, . . .	715,606 00	
		$3,753,421 00
Residents' bank stock, (National Bank of So. Reading,)		$46,230 00
Total valuation, . . .		$3,799,651 00
Whole number of Polls, 1,263.		
Tax on each, $2.00, amounting to, . .		$2,526 00
Rate of taxation, $12.00 per $1,000.		
Total amount assessed, including residents' bank stock, and overlay, ...		$48,568 50
Whole number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	1,048	
" " " Horses "	229	
" " " Cows "	191	
" " " Acres "	3,919¾	
Value of Real Estate and Machinery of Corporations, ...		$394,925 00
Value of Real Estate exempted by law from taxation, ...		$145,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAMES OLIVER,
JOHN S. EATON,
JOHN PURINGTON,
Assessors of Wakefield.

WAKEFIELD, March 8, 1879.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

We herewith submit our report for the year ending March 1st, 1879.

The Department at present consists of a Board of three Engineers, and eighty men appointed to the several Companies as follows:

Yale Engine Co. No. 1, fifty men; Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, eleven men; Washington Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, nineteen men.

The apparatus of the several Companies are all in good condition.

The following is a list of fires and alarms for the year ending March 1, 1879:

March 17, 1878. John H. Johnson's dwelling house on Wiley Place, loss $787.

April 18, 1878. Patrick Reagan's dwelling house on Vernon Street, loss $150.

July 8, 1878. Fire on land of C. Wakefield.

July 28, 1878. Everett Hart's shed, on Emerald Street, loss $20.

Aug. 13, 1878. William Conway's hay stack, on Emerson Street, loss $70.

Aug. 22, 1878. Henry Walley's dwelling house, on Lowell Street, loss $750.

Sept. 7, 1878. Alexander Sproule's dwelling house, on Emerson Street, loss $175.

Oct. 4, 1878. Washingtonian Home, on Main Street, owned by the Warren Institution of Savings, loss $4,000.

Nov. 5, 1878. False alarm.

Dec. 7, 1878. Byron A. Osgood's Factory, loss $750.

Dec. 26, 1878. Mrs. Ellen Moran's dwelling house, on Water Street, loss $135.

Following is the expenses of the Departments for the year ending March 1, 1879:

Yale Engine Co. No. 1, . . .	$1,058 03
Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1,	552 90
Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, . . .	331 60
Miscellaneous Expenses, . . .	81 10
	$2,023 63

The Board of Engineers would take this opportunity to thank the members of each of the Companies for the promptness and the interest they have taken in the welfare of the Department.

Also to thank the members of the Volunteer Fountain Engine Company, for the valuable service rendered at fires the past year.

We wish to call the attention of the town to the necessity of providing in some way for an increased water supply for the extinguishment of fires near the corner of Chestnut and Emerson Streets.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHARLES H. DAVIS,
S. F. LITTLEFIELD,
I. A. PARSONS,
Engineers of the Fire Department.

POLICE REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MCH. 1, 1879.

Whole number of arrests,	57
For assault and battery,	12
" adultery,	1
" assault upon an officer,	1
" allowing minors in bowling alley,	2
" breaking and entering,	2
" carrying concealed weapon,	1
" cruelty to animals,	1
" fornication,	1
" drunkenness,	7
" disturbing the peace,	8
" larceny,	6
" keeping liquor nuisance,	7
" malicious mischief,	1
" obtaining goods under false pretenses	1
" setting fires,	3
" vagrants,	3

Thirty one tramps have been furnished with lodgings by the police during the year.

The expenses for the year, ending March 1, 1879, are as follows:

Charles H. Davis,	$35 00
Fred G. Coker,	38 25
R. L. Cooper,	5 25
I. A. Parsons,	23 50
Amount carried forward,	$102 00

Amount brought forward,	$102 00
John Drugan, ...	25 30
Henry W. Eustis, ...	37 60
Timothy Reagan, ...	16 50
John H. Eaton, ...	7 00
John F. Alexander, ...	7 00
Special Police, ...	42 00
	$237 30

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLES H. DAVIS, *Chief of Police.*

FISH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In presenting our third annual report we desire to extend to Mr. James H. Carter our sincere thanks, for the valuable assistance he has rendered us, gratuitously, in the discharge of our duties.

We have placed in the lake during the past year, six thousand Land Locked Salmon fry, two hundred and fifteen Alewives, and a small lot of fresh water Smelts, making a total that have been placed in the lake and river during the past three years, of twenty-two thousand California Salmon fry, twelve thousand Land Locked Salmon fry, two hundred and fifty nine Black Bass, about four hundred and fifty Alewives, and a small lot of fresh water Smelts. We intended to secure a much larger number of this last variety, but as the season was remarkably forward, and having no one on the spot to inform us when they were running, we acted upon the best information we could obtain, and arrived at the lake in New Hampshire two days too late to obtain many of them, but we have made arrangements with a reliable party living on the shore of the lake, to inform us as soon as they begin running, so that if it is desired to obtain a supply of them this spring, there is no possibility of failure. The only time that they can be obtained in any quantity, is about the first of May, when they run up from the deep water to spawn, and if taken in season, there is no trouble in obtaining any desired quantity of them.

They are a very desirable fish to place in a lake stocked with Bass and Pickerel, as they breed fast and furnish an abundance of food for these larger varieties, which will thereby increase faster in numbers and in size. It is a well-known fact that large fish will eat small ones, and it will be readily seen, that, if there is an abundance of this variety for them to feed upon, that the chances are, that the young of the larger

varieties will thereby escape destruction; that ponds in other places that have recently been opened for fishing, are not turning out as expected, is, in our opinion, due to the fact that, when they were stocked with Black Bass, they were not also stocked with a variety that would serve as a food supply for them, and for want of that supply they have preyed upon the young of the varieties that were already in the pond, and upon their own young. Now if the young ones are thus killed off, and the larger ones are caught out as soon as the pond is opened, it is only a question of time when the fishing will be even poorer than it was before the pond was closed.

We are glad to be able to report that we have heard of no case of illegal fishing in Lake Quannapowitt during the past year, and trust there will be none during the remaining two years for which it is closed. During the past winter we have heard rumors to the effect that there was an effort being made to have the lake opened for fishing during the coming season, and before the time agreed upon in the lease had expired. We are at a loss to understand the cause of this rumored impatience, and trust there is no truth in them. The town knew what they were doing when they voted to take the lease, and they were also informed upon the *only* terms the lease could be obtained; and, aside from that agreement, it would be the greatest piece of folly imaginable to throw it open for fishing at the present time. The Bass that were placed in the lake in 1877, have had only one spawning season since, and are the only Bass of any size in the lake at the present time. Those that were born in the lake will none of them weigh over one-fourth of a pound, and they have never spawned, nor will they, until they are three years old. Now if it is desired to spoil the work of the past few years, in a single season, throwing the lake open at the present time will surely accomplish it.

The Bass which have been placed in the lake have been frequently seen, and to all appearances, are doing well. The Land Locked and California Salmon have not, to our knowledge, been seen. The Alewives have done remarkably well. The young from the two hundred and fifteen placed in the lake in May and June last, were constantly passing down through the fishways on the river, for about ten days in September and October last. As they do not return until they

are three years old, it will be necessary, in order to keep up a supply of them each year in the future, to place another lot of them in the lake this year. We have taken the liberty of presenting the following extracts from a letter upon this subject, addressed to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, and printed in their last annual report.

"In May, 1872, the four towns, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, and Halifax, Plymouth County, began the work of stocking their ponds and rivers with Alewives. These were taken alive and transported in tanks to the different ponds. This process was repeated in 1873, and again in 1874, making three successive years.

"The whole experiment was looked upon by the people with distrust, and by some with absolute disfavor, though the several towns willingly made all needed appropriations; and the owners of dams, though subjected to considerable expense, complied with the statute with a promptness and willingness that entitle them to great credit.

"It was announced that the Alewives bred in the year 1872 would return full-grown in 1875, but there were few who believed it, and, accordingly, in the spring of the latter year, the streams and ways were carefully watched by many incredulous eyes.

"The season was a little late and cold: but before the end of May, the Alewives, in considerable numbers, appeared at the foot of Paper Mill dam, and, in the course of a few days, at all the other dams, making a successful passage over every way into the ponds where they were respectively bred, the two schools apparently parting at the junction of the Town and Satucket rivers, with the precision of a well-disciplined army, though a few stragglers were found in nearly all of the tributaries.

"The run has gradually increased each year since; and last spring, (1878,) being the first time that the towns have fished since the year 1818, about 15,000 fine, large Alewives were seined at the Paper Mill, the common fishing-ground agreed upon by the four towns. A much larger number would have been taken, had it not been for the lateness when the fishing commenced, and the failure to suitably supply the bed of the river for seining.

"None of the other fish have yet been discovered in our rivers, though the fishermen on the lower water of the Taunton have, since 1876, reaped a larger harvest of both Shad and Alewives—the result of our sowing, and that of the people of Middleborough—than in many years previously.

"The establishment of the fishways has increased the number of all the common fresh-water fish in our ponds and rivers, especially the white perch, which have come in large numbers with the herrings, and among them, also, trout and Black Bass. The trout and Bass pass the ways just as successfully as the Alewives, and of the former several have been taken since 1872, of one and two pounds in weight.

"It is confidently believed, and the result of the experiment thus far justifies such belief, that not only will our ancient and valuable Alewife-fisheries be fully restored, but that of the Shad also, provided the laws are strictly enforced with reference to the lower waters of the Taunton, where there has always been much excessive and illegal fishing, and where the fishermen claim to believe, that, no matter how many fish they capture, there are just as many left in the stream as though they had not taken any; in other words, 99 from 100 leaves 100, and not 1."

The dams on the Saugus River, with the exception of the one in No. Saugus, are now provided with fishways; the owner of that dam has, however, agreed to hoist the gates during the time the fish are usually running, but for fear that he would forget to hoist them at the proper time, we procured from the State Commissioners, an order, directing him to build a fishway in accordance with plans furnished, or give the fish the natural channel of the river during the months of April, May, June, August, and September, in each year, until further notice. This order was served on him by the proper officer, so that should he in the future neglect to hoist them during those months, he lays himself liable to prosecution and fine.

In April next there will probably be another lot of Land Locked Salmon for this town, at the state hatching house, in Winchester. We also think it desirable to make another effort to secure a stock of fresh water Smelts. As we have already stated, it will be necessary to place another lot of Alewives in the lake this spring. We expect that during the

coming season it will be possible to secure a stock of Shad for the river. During the past two years the State have hatched none, so that it has been impossible for us to obtain any; but we understand that they intend hatching some this summer, and if they do, we shall probably be among the first to receive any, as we have been twice disappointed.

As we have a small balance on hand from last year, an appropriation of fifty dollars will probably be sufficient for stocking the river and lake as here suggested, and for the necessary expenses of this Committee during the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. P. POLAND,
OSCAR I. STOWELL,
THOMAS GOULD,
Fish Committee.

REPORT

OF

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, MASS., March 15th, 1879.

The Committee chosen by the town, at a meeting held Feb. 24, 1879, and instructed to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated at the next annual town meeting, would respectfully recommend appropriations as follows, viz:—

For Payment of Town Debt,	$5,000 00
" Interest upon Town Debt,	6,000 00
" Support of Schools,	10,500 00
" School Contingent Expenses,	1,000 00
" Poor Department,	5,000 00
" Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	3,500 00
" Expense of Street Lamps,	1,000 00
" Town House Expenses,	1,000 00
" Beebe Town Library, the funds now in the hands of the Town Treasurer, from dog tax, and	225 00
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,500 00
" Fire Department,	2,000 00
" Salaries of Town Officers,	2,125 00
Total,	$38,850 00

We would recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1, 1879, be fixed at twelve dollars ($12.00) and a sum equal to the poll tax.

We would recommend that the appropriation for Salaries of Town Officers be divided as follows, viz.:

For Treasurer,	$50 00
" Town Clerk,	100 00
" Board of Selectmen,	400 00
" " " Assessors,	350 00
" " " Overseers of the Poor,	150 00
" " " School Committee,	200 00
" " " Fire Engineers,	75 00
" " " Auditors,	100 00
" Tax Collector, for collecting Tax Warrant of 1879,	400 00
" Constable and Police services,	300 00
Total,	$2,125 00

And we would also recommend that the salaries, or bills for services of all other town officers, be paid from the appropriation for "Miscellaneous Expenses."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. S. GREENOUGH,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
JOHN PURINGTON,
B. W. OLIVER,
WM. F. YOUNG,
ISSACHAR STOWELL,
J. J. MANSFIELD,
L. B. EATON,
JOSEPH CONNELL,
WILLIAM H. ATWELL,
CHAS. F. RICHARDSON,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
T. E. BALCH,
JAMES F. EMERSON.

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1878.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Humphrey, Ellen	Female	January 1	Michael and Hannah (Lyons)	Shoemaker.
2	McLarty, Grace Greenwood	"	1	William A. and Maria E. (Kennison)	Machinist.
3	Pratt, Blanche Lillian	"	5	Thomas B. and Clara A. (Robie)	Trader.
4	De Roche, Henry	Male	6	Henry and Kate (Barrett)	Chair-maker.
5	Darling, William	"	10	William and Sarah W. (Wood)	Carpenter.
6	Harnden, Frank William	"	11	Frederick G. and Mary E. (Slack)	Mechanic.
7	Evans, Frank Heath	"	13	Daniel and Ann M. (Robinson)	Machinist.
8	Goodwin, Nora Josephine	Female	19	Michael E. and Mary A. (Foley)	Carpenter.
9	Toomey, Mary Etta	"	23	John and Sarah (Cullen)	Laborer.
10	Carey, George Everett	Male	30	George E. and Emma L. (Wentworth)	Clerk.
11	Lawrence, Herbert	"	February 7	Henry and Ella (Hayes)	Chair-maker.
12	Fehan, Abby Gertrude	Female	9	William and Katy (Foley)	Laborer.
13	Newhall, Frank W	Male	14	Frank W. and Bessie L. (Blenus)	Chair-maker.
14	Ricker, Earl Haskell	"	17	Edwin W. and Hannah M. (Hart)	Rattan-worker.
15	Tyler, John William	"	19	George L. and Lucy G. (Fairbanks)	Barber.
16	Coon, John Lewis	"	20	William L. and Nellie P. (Hall)	Custom-house officer
17	O'Riley, Catherine	Female	28	James and Annie B. (Foley)	Mason.
18	Philbrick, Arthur Alonzo	Male	March 8	Alvin S. and Ella R. (Alley)	Ice Business.
19	Bennett, Lena	Female	11	Samuel and Jane E. (Froton)	Laborer.
20	Lamont, Bertha Atchison	"	12	George T. and Lizzie M. (Sterling)	Chair-maker.
21	Lasselle, Annie Lisle	"	16	Charles A. and Mary A. (Green)	Teamster.
22	McMahan, Thomas Francis	Male	20	Thomas and Bridget (Lowe)	Mechanic.
23	Callahan, Timothy	"	22	Daniel and Kate (Wallace)	Laborer.
24	Ardell, Emma, (twins)	Female	April 10	George M. and Hannah (McCauliffe)	Rattan-worker.
25	Ardell, Catherine Agnes, (twins)	"	10	" "	"
26	Harper, Cyril Albert E.	Male	10	Henry and Sarah (Timmins)	Mechanic.
27	O'Connell, Mary	Female	11	Michael and Julia (Cotter)	Laborer.
28	Crawford, Grace	"	11	William B. and Nellie (Roberts)	Engineer.
29	Preston, Joseph Henry	Male	18	Joseph and Mary (McDonald)	Shoe-maker.
30	Houston, Isabella	Female	20	James and Kate (Duffy)	Weaver.
31	Anderson, Adeline Hildegarde	"	23	John A. and Sophia (Carlson)	Carpenter.
32	Blanchard, Arthur Samuel	Male	30	William E. and Addie M. (Ballard)	Salesman.
33	Shea, Mary Ellen	Female	May 3	John F. and Mary (Donovan)	Carpenter.
34	Doherty, Catherine Elizabeth	"	4	Joseph B. and Mary E. (Hanglin)	Currier.
35	Reagan, Joseph Dennis	Male	5	Timothy and Mary (Lyons)	Expressman.
36	Black, Jennie Estelle	Female	7	Labalister T. and Lizzie (Lasselle)	Teamster.
37	Reagan, Eugene	Male	11	James and Hannah (Cokely)	Weaver.
38	Welsh, Lewis Joseph	"	17	Thomas J. and Julia F. Chamberlain)	Weaver.

39	Butman, Carrie Lemira	Female	May	25	George W. and Katy (Perkins)	Mechanic.	
40	Oliver, Carrie Bell	"		26	James and Almira J. (Sampson)	Farmer.	
41	Richardson, Nellie A.	"		28	Darius P. and Ella L. (Dennis)	Teamster.	
42	Ross, Maud Elvira	"	June	1	James O. and Catherine R. (Arrington)	Gas Fitter.	
43	Cooper, Ruby	"		5	Reuben L. and Caroline A. (Tuck)	Supt. Ice Co.	
44	Reagan, Elizabeth Jane	"		11	Timothy and Margaret (Gould)	Laborer.	
45	Sullivan, Julia Ann	"		11	Thomas and Ellen (McCarty)	Rattan-worker.	
46	Deshon, Thomas P	Male		19	Daniel and Pauline C. (Barrett)	Mariner.	
47	Weary, Charles John	"		21	James and Catherine (Coleman)	Weaver.	
48	Crosby, Guy Melvin	"		26	Seth and Susan A. (Cann)	Book-keeper.	
49	Whiting, Bessie Garland	Female		27	George N. and Hannah (Burke)	Shoemaker.	
50	Wakefield, Jasper Young	Male		28	Cyrus and Annie B. (Pierce)	Merchant.	
51	Butler, Winfred Oscar	"	July	1	Charles C. L. and Francella M. (Burditt)	Printer.	
52	Lally, Mary Ann	Female		1	Thomas and Ann (Connors)	Weaver.	
53	Mears, Marion Estelle, twins	"		5	Samuel A. and Annie J. (Perkins)	Chair-maker.	
54	Mears, Lillian Estelle, twins	"		5			
55	Johnston, Jane Harley	"		6	James and Catherine (Stewart)	Rope-maker.	
56	Williamson, Isabella	"		9	James and Isabella (Kee)	Basket-maker.	
57	Sullivan, Gertrude Hannora	"		18	John and Mary I. (Welsh)	Painter.	
58	Chesley, John Charles	Male		21	William W. and Martha A. (Andrews.)	Grocer.	
59	Cutter, Charles Henry	"		21	Albert O. and Lizzie S. (Rand)	Moulder.	
60	Skulley, Clara Theresa	Female		25	Joseph M. and Mary S. (Mack)	Clerk.	
61	Delano, Merritt Otis	Male		27	George B. and Jennie A. (Cobb)	Printer.	
62	Healey, Ruby Mary	Female		31	James A. and Jessie (Byers)	Chair-maker.	
63	Mansfield, Emma Agosto	"	August	4	William P. and Carrie D. (Thomas)	" "	
64	Madden, Hannah	"		6	John W. and Margaret (Lyons)	Mason.	
65	Donahoe, John	Male		9	Martin and Maria (Grady)	Canvasser.	
66	Somers, Marion Strong	Female		14	Frank D. and Hattie P. (Hervey)	Cutter.	
67	Towle, Minnie W	"		14	Alner D. and Susan G	Laborer.	
68	Casey, Catherine	"		17	Peter and Mary (Conroy)	"	
69	Blake, Charles Albert	Male		22	Albert M. and Annabel M. (Reed)	Printer.	
70	Edmunds, Ralph Waldo	"		29	Rodney and Josephine A. H. (Edwards)	Farmer.	
71	Low, John Francis	"		29	John and Rosa F. (Gaffey)	Penman.	
72	Murphy, Mary Ellen	Female		31	Daniel and Mary (Lyons)	Laborer.	
73	Sweetser, Osborn Irving	Male	Sept.	5	Alfred I. and Mary E. (Sampson)	Basket-maker.	
74	Bailey, Ida May	Female		7	Alpha N. and Mary F. (Niles)	Mechanic.	
75	Cheever, William	Male		7	William L. and Charlotte (Wood)	Milk Dealer.	
76	Butler, Alice May	Female		8	Aaron and Abby A. (Taylor)	Trader.	
77	Penney, Willie Martin	Male		10	Martin L. and Emma J. (Parker)	Farmer.	
78	Bailey, Nellie Maud	Female		10	Nellie M. Bailey		
79	Darling, Katherine Evans	"		15	David H. and Mary H. (Evans)	Banker.	
80	Perkins, Estella	"		15	John and Caroline E. (Oliver)	Farmer.	
81	Bryant, Ermina Dean	"		17	Loton W. and Maria L. (Dean)	"	
82	Cronin, William	Male		19	James and Margaret (Doyle)	Weaver.	
83	Pope, Geo. Edwin	"		28	Henry W. and Hattie E. (Paul)	Machinist.	
84	Douglas, Donald Alexander	"		29	Donald and Margaret F. (Cullen)	Polisher.	
85	Stone, Arthur Earle	"		29	Orrin and Nellie N. (Couzzens)	Moulder.	
86	Tucker, James Melvin	"	Oct.	3	James L. and Eliza M. (Thurston)	Farmer.	

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1878.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
87	Sliny, Sarah Ellen	Female	Oct. 5	Timothy and Mary (Ryan)	Weaver.
88	Ritchie, Charles Francis Perham	Male	5	Frank P. and Jessie A. (Perham)	Moulder.
89	Sweetser, Percy Colby	"	5	Edward S. and Lizzie B. (Fessenden)	Mechanic.
90	Stoddard, Willie Arthur	"	6	William O. and Francis (Nichols)	Shoe-maker.
91	Goldsmith, Charles William	"	9	Henry L. and Mary H. (Brown)	Farmer.
92	Hickey, Margaret	Female	18	Cornelius and Bridget F. (Connor)	Carpenter.
93	Keady, Nellie	"	19	Michael and Kate (Hennessey)	Weaver.
94	Cunningham, Katie May	"	21	John F. and Isabel A. (Johnson)	Currier.
95	Eaton, Alice Ruth	"	26	Noah M. and Eliza R. (Walton)	Shoe-maker.
96	Cobb, Merritt Nowell	Mal	27	Alonzo S. and Ida L. (Townley)	Tin-smith.
97	Cutter, Marion Estelle	Female	31	William A. and Clara E. (Stone)	Groccer
98	Maloney, John	Male	31	John and Maria (Healey)	Laborer.
99	Stewart, Archibald	"	Nov. 1	Alexander and Margaret (McKennie)	Rope-maker.
100	Millerick, Mary Ellen	Female	6	James and Hannah (Trahey)	Laborer.
101	Merrill, Frank Dennerson	Male	10	Isaac D. and Etta S. (Hayden)	Mechanic.
102	Littlefield, Marian Perigo	Female	17	John W. and Alberta O. (Perigo)	Wire-worker.
103	O'Conner, Robert William	Male	23	James and Mary (Galvin)	Laborer.
104	Ronan, Carroll Vincent	"	24	Michael H. and Mary C. (Flanery)	Shoemaker.
105	Towle, Sarah Isabel	Female	29	George H. and Sarah D. (Hamblin)	Lawyer.
106	Kernan, Mabel, twins	"	30	Thomas and Annie (Hogan)	Moulder.
107	Kernan, Marian, twins	"	Dec. 1		"
108	Barr, Jennie Francis	"	2	James S. and Mary E. (Gallagher)	Mason.
109	White, John Francis	Male	8	John W. and Etta M. (Stearns)	Merchant.
110	Wright, Osmond Samuel	"	11	Dexter C. and Abbie A. (Weston)	Milk Dealer.
111	Rawson, Benjamin Robinson	"	11	Charles P. and Emma (Robinson)	Chair-maker
112	Harrington, Peter	"	15	Humphrey and Mary (Mahoney)	Rattan-worker.
113	Prentiss, Lillian Annette	Female	19	J. Hermon and Annie M. (Roberts)	Machinist.
114	C'Connell, Joseph Jeremiah	Male	24	Jeremiah and Margaret (Lynch)	Teamster.
115	Jones, Clara Jane	Female	26	William and Agnes A. (Nelson)	Fireman.
116	Dennehee, Peter Joseph	Male	28	Lawrence and Honora (O'Connell)	Laborer.
117	Rollins,	Female	29	Hannah M. (Rollins)	

Births not Registered in 1877.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Smith, Willietta F	Female	Jan. 26	Lucas and Emma F. (Howes)	Salesman.
2	Mitchell, Frederic S	Male	March 28	Henry L. and Marilla M. (Ricker)	Wood Dealer.
3	Folsom, Wilbur Allison	"	April 8	Mark and Helen A. (Pierce)	Manufacturer.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield, in 1878.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom married.*
Jan. 1	Fish, Charles S.	21	Boston	Clerk	Charlestown	Benjamin F. and Eliza W.	First	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Hoyt, Nettie	20	Boston		Harrison, Me.	Henry and Mehitable	"	
10	Southworth, Chas. E.	28	Lynn	Carpenter	Lynn	James M. and Harriet	Third	Rev. Arthur J. Hovey, Stoneham.
	Davis, Ella J.	26	Wakefield		Wakefield	Charles H. and Mary C.	First	
17	Choate, Fitz-Herbert.	27	Boston	Machinist	Salem	Ira and Sarah E.	First	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
	Melendy, Ellen M.	22	Reading		Reading	Nathan and Hannah A.	"	
17	March, Frank H.	28	Cambridge	Clerk	Cambridge	John S. and Sarah C.	First	Rev. George Walker, Wakefield.
	Parker, Emma S.	24	Wakefield		Wakefield	Samuel T. and Margaret	"	
Feb. 13	Drown, Osborn E.	24	St. Johnsbury.	Carpenter	Sutton, Vt.	Benjamin and Abrintha	First	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Decon, Lizzie M.	20	Wakefield		St. Johns, N. B.	William and Sarah	"	
24	Bailey, Franklin P.	25	Peabody	Engineer	Peabody	David and Almira	Second	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
	Barbour, Sarah E.	25	Peabody		Woburn	Joseph and Isabella	First	
25	Tompson, George M.	26	Wakefield	Civil Engineer.	Wakefield	John A. and Angenette	First	Rev. George Walker, Boston.
	Perkins, Emma A.	27	Wakefield		Amherst, N. H.	Daniel S. and Emeline F.	"	
26	McCarty, John	30	Boston	Laborer	Ireland	Callaghan and Hannora	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Harrington, Ellen	27	Wakefield		Ireland	Daniel and Ellen	"	
26	Judkins, Albert E.	30	Lynn	Shoemaker.	Melrose	Samuel and Hannah	First	Rev. A. H. Currier, Lynn.
	Brown, Mary A.	29	Wakefield		Melrose	Jonas G. and Mary V.	"	
Mar. 11	Fehan, William F.	19	Wakefield	Rattan Worker.	Ireland	Philip and Elizabeth	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Foley, Katie	21	Wakefield		Ireland	Maurice and Catherine	"	
18	Lunt, Frank W.	22	Wakefield	Steam-Piping.	Waltham	Francis and Ann W.	First	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Oliver, Alice A.	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	George W. and Abbie J.	"	
Apr. 27	Clark, John A.	32	Wakefield	Chair Maker.	Caledonia, N S.	George and Catherine	Second	Rev. W. S. McKenzie, Boston.
	Stanton, Lucy E.	25	Wakefield		Potsdam, N, Y.	Alexander and Minerva	First	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1878.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom married.*
May 3	Anderson, James	41	Wakefield	Weaver	Scotland	Archibald and Janet	Third	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Lyons, Mary	35	Wakefield		Ireland	William and Marv	First	
7	Roach, John	34	Wakefield,	Laborer	Ireland	Michael and Margaret	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Sullivan, Hannora	35	Wakefield		Ireland	Jeremiah and Margaret	"	
8	Lord, Edward O	24	Everett,	Bookkeeper.	Chelsea	Samuel and Anna	First	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Edwards, Emma F	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	John and Joanna	"	
18	Illsley, Austin T	35	Wakefield	Mechanic	Limerick, Me.,	Isaac and Clementine	First	Rev. Geo. B. Illsley, Yarmouth, Me.
	Pratt, Sarah E	35	Wakefield		Charlest'n, Mass.	Ralph and Lucy	"	
June 3	Anderson, Charles A.	25	Wakefield	Chair Maker.	Sweden	Isaac and Christen	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield,
	O'Brien, Ellen F	21	Wakefield		Kingston,	William and Ellen	"	
3	Brown, Charles W	22	Wakefield	Mechanic	Wakefield	Hervey W. and Eliza A	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.
	Mason, Carrie W	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	Andrew A. and Sarah S	"	
16	Keith, Charles C	24	Stoughton	Baker	E. Bridgewater.	William and Sarah	First	Rev. J. H. Laine, Andover, Mass.
	Newhall Laura E. (Eaton),	32	Wakefield		Wakefield	Hiram and Laura K	Second	
26	Cory, Charles A.	27	Wakefield	Shoe-cutter.	Andover, Mass.	Job and Sarah G	First	Rev. Richard Eddy, Lynn, Mass.
	Vernard, Christina B.	23	Lynn		Lynn, Mass	John C and Elizabeth	"	
30	Skinner, William G. 2d	32	Wakefield	Hack-driver	Wakefield	Lilley E. and R. Jane	First	Rev. W. F. Potter, Arlington, Mass.
	Paine, Frank S	28	Wakefield		Wareham	William R. and Mary A	Second	
July 10	Pitman, Cyrus W.	25	Malden	Bookkeeper.	Cambridge	John W. and Ann Maria	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood, Wakefield.
	Jenkins, Emma G	25	Wakefield		Wakefield	John W. and Elizabeth	"	
Aug. 21	Rogers, Lewis A	22	Chelsea	Clerk	Freeport, Me	William R. and Martha P	First	Rev. Thos. A. Emerson, Wakefield.
	Curtis, Clara B	21	Wakefield		Freeport, Me	Nelson and Phœbe A	"	
Sept. 4	Woodward, Charles F.	25	Wakefield	Shoe-tool	Wakefield	James F. and Arvilla W	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.
	Turnbull, Susan D	21	Wakefield	Manufact'r'r	Wakefield	Alexander and Dorothy E	"	

Sept. 21	Hill, William H.	23	Wakefield.	Cabinet Maker.	Kennebunk, Me	Alvah and Mary	First	Rev. W. H. Ryder, Malden.	
	Goddard, Nellie (Manning)	23	Malden		Augusta, Me	William and	Second		
Oct. 3	Tate, Henry W	31	Suncook, N.H.	Clergyman		Henry and	First,	Rev. R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.	
	Smith, Marion	31	Wakefield		Worcester, Mass	Henry D. and Mary	"		
8	Beebe, Marcus	26	Wakefield	Merchant	Melrose	Lucius and Sylenda	First,	Rev. J. W. Wellman, Malden.	
	Foss, Grace F.	20	Malden		Malden.	Frederic J. and Philenda S.	"		
12	Finney, Lester K.	21	Wakefield	Salesman	Hanover, Mass.	Benjamin and Ruth A.	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood, Wakefield.	
	Nickerson, Carrie L.	20	Wakefield		Wakefield	Solomon H. and Mary W.	"		
24	Judkins, John B.	22	Wakefield	Machinist	Boston	John T. and Lucy A.	First	Rev. R. M. Nott, Wakefield.	
	Doe, Jennie.	20	Wakefield		Boston	William H. and Eliza Ann	"		
24	Bailey, Charles W.	21	Malden	Mechanic	Saugus	George F. and Elizabeth	First.	Rev. R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.	
	Day, Bertha, J.	19	Malden		Charlestown	Charles and Lucy.	"		
Nov. 12	Littlefield, Geo. Edgar	24	S. Berwick, Me	Carpenter	Wells, Me	Charles M. and Clarissa	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.	
	McIntire, Emma M.	21	S. Berwick, Me		So. Berwick, Me	William A. and Martha A	"		
27	Robbins, Warren A.	21	Stoneham,	Shoemaker.	Stoneham,	William and Elizabeth S.	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood, Wakefield.	
	Edmands, Clara J	18	Stoneham,		Melrose	Willard and Isabella	"		
28	Woodward, James F.	59	Wakefield,	Shoe-tool Manufact'r	Wakefield	Thomas and Esther	Second	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.	
	Brown, Elvira J., (Stevens)	38	Wakefield		Orford, N. H.	Manly and Lavina	Second		
Dec. 23	Darroch, John	27	Wakefield	Clerk	Greenock (Scot)	Dugald and Ann	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood, Wakefield.	
	McGlynn, Mary	27	Wakefield		Ireland	Dennis and Ann	"		
25	Green, Fred. S.	22	Stoneham	Provision Dealer.	Stoneham	Albert R. and Sarah J	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood, Wakefield.	
	Woodis, Alvira	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	Hiram and Vesta	"		
25	Dager, James W.	25	Wakefield	Shoe-laster	Wakefield,	Thomas and Elizabeth.,	First	Rev. Chas. U. Dunning, Lawrence.	
	Brown, Eliza A.	27	Lawrence		Salisbury	Joseph B. and Abby A	"		
25	Hanson, Edward A.	30	Boston	Conductor on Horse-car	Medford	Andrew and Mary F,	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood, Wakefield.	
	Kelley, Sarah J., (Randall)	35	Boston		Charlestown	John and Louisa	Second		

Deaths Registered in Town of Wakefield in 1878.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Yrs	*Condition,*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 4	Kenney, Peter	6	7	12	Single		Wakefield	Patrick and Bridget	Marasmus.
5	Brown, Alice Judson	8	8	26			"	Charles B. and Elvira J.	Diphtheria.
7	De Roach, Henry			2			"	Henry and Kate	Cyanoisis.
10	Dean, John F.	27	4	20	Single	Shoemaker	"	John and Abigail	Consumption.
11	Cox, Frances	5	4	5	"		"	Timothy and Mary	Diphtheria.
12	Brown, Harry S	6	5	6	"		"	Charles B. and Elvira J.	Diphtheria.
13	Libby, John S.	71	3		Married	Laborer	Scarborough	Rhoda	Arterial Rupture.
20	Carlson, Adolphus H.	3	4	18			Wakefield	Augus. H. and Cath. E.	Diphtheria.
27	Wallace, Mary (Greaney)	75			Widow		Ireland	Patrick	Old Age.
30	Green, Lucinda (Kenneson).	71	7		Married		N.H'mpt'n,N,H	Daniel and Rhoda	Apoplexy.
Feb. 1	Murphy, Margaret (Finn)	28			"		Ireland	Patrick and Nancy	Hemorrhage.
3	Harris, Lucy A.	70	8	3	Single		Portland, Me.	Mark and Ruth	Typhoid Pneumonia.
4	Shea, Lauretta	2	3				Wakefield	John and Mary A	Diphtheria.
6	Mansfield, Joseph H.		2	4			"	Albert A and Carrie E.	Premature Birth.
20	Harnden, James W.	30	11	6	Single	Shoemaker	"	James and Delia	Pneumonia.
22	Humphrey, Ellen		1	22			"	Michael and Hannah	Diphtheria.
Mar. 1	Murphy, Emma	1	2				"	Daniel and Margaret	Bronchitis,
2	Haywood, William I.	67	2	12	Married		Armley, Eng	William and Mary	Dropsy.
22	Kirk, Mary (Kane)	53			"		Ireland	Lawrence and Bridget	Apoplexy.
23	Burke, H. L. (Cruickshank).	32		17	"		Halifax, N. S.	Alex. and Christiana	Internal Cancer.
24	Mixter, Ruth E	26	4	24	Single		Chicopee	Adop. d'r of J.&R.Mixter	Consumption.
April 2	Qualters, James J	1	4				Wakefield	Michael and Bridget	Bronchitis.
17	Whiting, Emma	9	5	10			Lynnfield	George N. and Hannah	Diabetis.
19	Harkins, Mary L.		4	27			Wakefield	John E. and Mary F.	Marasmus.
20	Russell, Harry C.	4	6				"	Joseph W. and Addie	Tubucular Meningitis.
20	Fehan, John	32			Married	Blacksmith	Ireland	Philip and Mary	Consumption.
22	Cheever, William A.	21	3	5	Single	Farmer	Saugus	William L.and Elizabeth	Phthisis Pulmonales
29	Perry, Mary Ellen	11		24			Wakefield	Austin E. and Clara A.	Diphtheria.
May 12	Cunningham, John E.		11	13			"	Cornelius R. and Mary C	Lung Fever.
26	Mayo,			3h			"	Martha M	Premature Birth.
June 10	Graham, Annie L. (Mellett(	24	1	21	Married		London, Eng	Edward and Annie	Bright's Dis. of Kidneys.
15	Eaton, Horace	66	8	11	"	Clergyman	Goffstown,N.H.	David and Betsey	Apoplexy.
16	Fitzgerald, Chas F.	13	4	4			Winchendon	Morris and Mary	Diphtheria.
16	Davis, Abbie W. (Wright)	38	1	23	Married		Beverly	Hiram and Lydia	Consumption.
	M Nelly,						Wakefield	John F. and Elizabeth A.	Still-Born.

June 21	Doyle, Cornelius	54	...		Married	Farmer	Ireland	John and Mary	Heart Disease
22	Currier, Roderic E	1	7	8			Wakefield	Horace P. and Mary E.	Diphtheria.
29	Emerson, George A	11	11				"	J. Henry and Mary D.	"
30	Newman, Ethel	1	1	11			"	J. Frank and M. Ella	"
July 5	Graham, David			2h			"	David and Mary A.	Heart Disease.
15	Wiley, John	78	6	13		Teamster	"	Samuel and Elizabeth	Accident.
20	Walton, Francis J	4		...			"	Cornelius and Kate B	Diphtheria.
22	Gould, Louisa (Hawkes)	71	5	20	Widow		Lynnfield	Joseph H. and Mary.	Consumption.
24	Hickey, Winford	2	11	12			Wakefield	Cornelius and Bridget	Scarlet Fever.
Aug. 3	Peirce, Frederic H		8	16			"	George H. and Eveline G	Cholera Infantum.
9	Sloan, Charles A. J	5	6	9			Somerville	Rufus A. and Mary A.	Diphtheria.
9	Hogan, Mary	4	7	2			Wakefield	John and Mary B.	"
9	Hickey, John	4	10	15			"	Cornelius and Bridget	Scarlet Fever.
11	Weary, Charles J		1	11			"	James and Catherine	Cholera Infantum.
13	Walton, Oliver	87		21	Married	Deal'r in Horses	"	Oliver and Rebecca	Old Age.
15	O'Connell, Jeremiah	5	7	18			"	Peter, 2nd, and Cath. B.	Diphtheria.
16	Moulton, Elmer W	4	6	9			"	William J. and Lizzie B.	"
16	Sloan, George R	3	8	14			Somerville	Rufus A. and Mary A.	"
18	Moulton, Carrie L	6	9	20			Wakefield	William J. and Lizzie B.	"
20	O'Connell, Jeremiah F	3	11	25			"	Thomas and Ellen	"
20	O'Connell, Catharine	29	11	...	Married		Ireland	Cornelius and Ellen	"
21	Richardson, Nellie A		2	23			Wakefield	Darius P. and Ella L.	Cholera Infantum.
25	Richardson, Esther F	11	6	25			Brockton, Mass	Charles F. and Margaret I	Diphtheria.
27	Towle, Minnie W			14			Wakefield	Alner D. and Susan G	Premature Birth.
28	Stack, Richard E		4	25			"	Richard E. and Mary A.	Cholera Infantum.
28	Morrison, John W	18	1	15	Single	Painter	Hog Island, Me.	James M. and Sarah B.	Typhoid Fever.
30	Poole, Alexander	74	1	5	Married	Physician	Wakefield	Timothy and Jerusha	Heart Disease.
31	Richardson, Mabel	1	10	23			"	Charles F. and Margaret I	Diphtheria.
31	Callahan, Daniel	2	7	2			"	Daniel and Kate	"
31	Trahey, Mary	3	9	27			"	Thomas and Ellen	"
Sept. 1	O'Connell, Mary E	1	10	..			"	Peter and Catherine	"
2	Knight, Manasseh	88	5	20	Married	Gentleman	Fitzwilliam, NH	Jonas and Abigail	Ossification of Heart
2	Low, James	49			"	Farmer	Ireland	John and Mary	Enlarged Liver.
4	Chesley, Charles E	2		22			Wakefield	Wm W. and Martha A	Diphtheria.
5	Richardson, Grace M	3	6	26			"	Charles F. and Margaret I	"
9	Brown, Betsey F. (French)	76	8	6	Widow		Tewksbury	John and Elizabeth	Palsy.
9	Ardell, Emma A		5				Wakefield	George M. and Hannah	Cholera Infantum.
9	Walker, John W	15	7	9			"	George T. and Bridget A	Consumption.
10	Noonan,						"	James and Kate	Anencephala.

Deaths Registered in Town of Wakefield in 1878.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Sept. 12	Tyler, John W		6	23			Wakefield.....	George L. and Lucy G..	Diphtheria.
13	Kelton, Robert S.....	32	7	22	Married.....	Tinsmith.....	Dorchester	Rufus and Mary.....	Railroad Accident.
17	Odiorne, Clarissa A (Cushing)	64	9	21	Widow.....		Boston.....	Err and Marian.....	Palsy.
18	Carter, Hattie A.....	17	11	22	Single... ..		Bowdoin, Me...	Edwin S. and Eunice....	Typhoid Fever.
20	Doucette, John J.....	7	11	12			Yarmouth, N. S	John S. and Maggie.....	Meningitis.
Oct. 1	Burdett, Warren.....	75	4				Wakefield.....	James and Fannie.....	Rupture of Heart.
6	Mears, Marian E.....		3				"	Samuel A. and Annie J,.	Marasmus.
13	Butler, Abbie E.....	1		21			"	Aaron and Abbie A... ..	Convulsions.
15	Dow, Bertha C.....	1	10	5			"	Nath'l H. and Margaret L	Diphtheria.
17	Richardson, Charles D.....	6	7	9			Athol, Mass.....	Darius P. and Ella	"
18	Morgan, Eliza.....	9		...			Wakefield.....	John and Ellen...	"
22	Currier, Mary S.....						"	Horace P. and Mary E...	Stillborn.
26	Morgan, George.....	3	5				"	Hugh and Mary.....	Diphtheria.
Nov. 7	Sweetser. E. Felton....	56	3	10	Married.....	Shoemaker.....	"	Paul and Sarah..... .	Bronchial Consumption.
8	Harrington, Ellen.....	6	4	22			"	Humphrey and Mary....	Diphtheria.
11	Oliver, Sally (Green)	84	6	9	Widow.....		Malden..... ..	Phineas and Mehitable..	Icterus.
15	Wiley, Emma C. (Carey).....	29	1	12	Married.....		East Boston....	Thos. W. and Caroline P.	Heart Disease.
16	Carlton, ...						Wakefield.....	Henry T. and Annie	Stillborn.
Dec. 4	Johnson, Rachel (Jones)....	80			Widow... ..		Hillsboro', N. H	Andrew and Rebecca....	Old Age.
5	Bray, Walter H	8	8	3			Gloucester.....	Henry P. and Mary A....	Diphtheria.
9	Townsend, Nancy (Cox).....	88	6	15	Married.....		Cambridge.....	and Susan.....	Pneumonia.
9	Shanahan, Mary E.....	6	9	3			Wakefield.....	Dan'l E. and Elizabeth A	Diphtheria.
14	Gilman, John K.....	42	6	11	Single.....	Mason.....	Tamworth, N. H	Joseph and Mary.....	Brain Disease.
25	Dean, Abigail (Hanson).....	58	5	23	Married.....		Boston, Mass...	Andrew and Abigail	Cancer.

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1878, ... 117

Males,	55
Females,	62

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield,	9	9
" " other towns in the United States,	59	53
" " Ireland,	29	34
" " England,	5	5
" " Scotland,	4	2
" " Sweden,	1	1
" " British Provinces,	3	10
" " France,	1	0
" at sea,	1	0

Marriages Registered in 1878, ... 37

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield,	6	10
" " other towns in United States.	24	21
" " British Provinces,	1	1
" " Ireland,	3	5
" " Scotland,	2	0
" " Sweden,	1	0
First Marriage,	32	32
Second "	3	5
Third "	2	0
No. under 20 years of age,	1	6
" between 20 and 30,	25	24
" " 30 and 40,	8	7
" " 40 and 50,	2	0
" " 50 and 60,	1	0

Oldest Groom,	59 years.
" Bride,	38 "
Youngest Groom,	19 "
" Bride,	18 "

Deaths Registered in 1878,	98
Males, 52 Females, 46	
Average age, 22 years, 8 mos., 22 days.	
Number under 5 years of age,	38
Between 5 and 10,	14
" 10 and 20,	7
" 20 and 30,	7
" 30 and 40,	5
" 40 and 50,	2
" 50 and 60,	4
" 60 and 70,	3
" 70 and 80,	9
" 80 and 90,	5
Still-born,	4

Nativity of Persons Deceased.

Born in Wakefield,	59
" " other towns of United States,	27
" " British Provinces,	2
" " Ireland,	8
" " England,	2

Number of Dogs licensed in 1878,	154
Males, 146. Females, 8.	
Cash paid County Treasurer,	$301 20

(Signed)

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ANCIENT LAWS.

For as much as the good Education of Children is of Singular behoofe and benefit to any Commonwealth, and whereas many parents and Masters are too indulgent and negligent of their duty in that kind;—

Laws of 1642, June 14th.

"It is Ordered, that the chosen men for managing the Prudentials of every Town, in the several Precincts and quarters where they dwell, shall have a vigilant eye over their neighbors, to see, First that none of them shall suffer so much Barbarism in any of their families, as not to endeavor to teach, by themselves or others, their Children and Apprentices, so much learning as may enable them to read perfectly the English tongue, and a knowledge of the Capital Laws, upon penalty of twenty shillings for each neglect therein."

"It being one chiefe project of that ould deluder, Sathan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures, as in former times by keeping them in an unknowne tongue, so in these latter times by perswading from the use of tongues, that so at least the true sence and meaning of the originall might be clouded by false glosses of saint seeming deceivers, that learning may not be buried in the grave of our fathers in the church and Commonwealth, the Lord assisting our endeavors.

Mass. Col. Records, vol. 2, p. 203, Nov. 11, 1647.

"It is therefore ordered, that every township in this jurisdiction, after the Lord hath increased them to the number of 50 householders, shall then forthwith appoint one within their towne to teach all children as shall resort to him to write and

read, whose wages shall be paid either by the parents or masters of such children, or by the inhabitants in generall, by way of supply, as the major part of those that order the prudentials of the towne shall appoint; provided those that send their children be not oppressed by paying much more than they can have them taught in other townes;—And it is further ordered that where any towne shall increase to the number of 100 families or householders they shall set up a grammar schoole, the master thereof being able to instruct youth so farr as they may be fited for the university; provided that if any towne neglect the performance hereof above one yeare, every such towne shall pay 5^{s} to the next schoole till they shall perform this order."

CONSTITUTION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

[Chap. 5, Sect. 2.]

"Wisdom, and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; especially the university at Cambridge, public schools and grammar schools in the towns; to encourage private societies and public institutions, rewards and immunities, for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures, and a natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings; sincerity, good humor, and all social affections, and generous sentiments among the people."

Duty of legislature and magistrates in all future periods.

All over the country within a few years has been developed an opposition to the American system of public education, and Massachusetts has not escaped its influence. We have quoted the provision of the Constitution on which the public school

system of this Commonwealth rests, and the ancient laws enacted by our forefathers, out of which grew that provision, in order that we may keep in mind the reason of it as there expressed, and the underlying principles which animated the pioneers in our civilization. As early as 1642, the value to the Commonwealth of the good education of children was recognized in the enactment which we have quoted and the doctrine of compulsory education was virtually adopted, and five years later in order that "learning may not be buried in the graves of our fathers," a school was established in every township of fifty householders, in which scholars could be taught to read and write, and in townships containing one hundred householders, a grammar school, in which they could be fitted for the University, and when our Constitution was adopted the people said *knowledge*, as well as wisdom and virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people is necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties. From 1642 to 1879, Massachusetts has adhered to these principles, and to them and her application of them, she is indebted for the position which she holds in the forefront of enlightened States.

The ultimate purpose of this agitation is the complete overthrow of public instruction and free schools, and the remission of the whole subject of education to the variable whim, desire, and pecuniary ability of scholars and parents. This is not the open proclamation, for the attack is covert and insidious, and is made first upon the High Schools as being most open to criticism, and concerning which a public dissatisfaction is more easily awakened; and when once awakened, the general unrest of the American mind can be counted upon to foster it, and even here in Massachusetts the propriety of maintaining High Schools at the expense of the government has become debatable ground.

The first argument is, that a comparatively small number of scholars attend the High School, and this is true, but the constantly increasing numbers of those who do attend, attest the growing interest in them and faith in their usefulness. Nearly twenty thousand children attended the various High Schools in Massachusetts during the past year.

It is charged that the wealthy obtain the greatest advantage of these schools. If this were true, of which we have no evidence, it would not be particularly unjust, as it is the

property holder who pays most of the taxes to support them. We have no statistics, and we hardly know where the statistician would draw the line between the rich and the poor, but this we do know, that in our High Schools is found a very large per centage of scholars whose parents cannot be counted among the wealthy, and who rank among the highest in these schools, and who, but for them, would never pass beyond the rudiments taught in lower grades. Each year our High Schools send out whole classes of young men and women trained in intellect and enlarged in comprehension, who are ready to enter upon the responsibilities of business, and who discharge those responsibilities with far more efficiency and success than they would without the training received in these schools. The High School is in reality the College of the poorer classes, and it is one of the great levelers between classes. Here children from all grades meet on a level, and the humble is made to feel that the proud is not his superior, and the proud is made to *know* that the humblest is his peer, and the poorest is taught the possibilities within him.

The abolition of the High School would have a direct tendency to build up classes in society, the rich could educate their children in private institutions, while the poor would be deprived of all such privileges, and in a very short time would appear an educated and ignorant class who would be substantially identical with the rich and the poor. Agitation and legislation tending to such an end cannot be too strongly deprecated, and should receive the marked condemnation of every considerate mind. It has been well said of late that the education of the poor is the Plymouth Rock of American liberty.

It is said, too, that while it is good policy for the government to support schools of an inferior grade, it ought not to provide the means for more extensive learning. He who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a blessing to the world. If any good reason can be given why the same rule will not apply in the realm of mind, we have yet to learn it. If it is a sound policy for the State to supply the opportunities for limited education in the inferior grades, what valid reason can be adduced why these opportunities should not be increased and enlarged? If it is wise to make provision for teaching rudimentary knowledge, is it not

added wisdom to make similar provision to help the learner grapple with the more difficult problems of the exact sciences, or to master the refinements of English or classical literature?

The High School is the best incentive and corrective that can be found to inferior grades. To it all other schools look for precept and example,to its teachers all others look for guidance. As the High School is alert and progressive, or lethargic and satisfied, so in a great measure are all the other schools. It stands at the head, and its influence pervades every schoolroom in its town. Towards that school the eyes of every scholar are turned, and as its requirements are high and exacting, so the efforts to reach it will be uniform and powerful.

The High School wields a beneficial influence in every community where it is situated. It awakens thought, engenders discussion, trains the intellect, feeds the mind, cultivates the taste, and educates the heart. It promotes "sincerity, good humor, and all social affections and generous sentiments among the people." Let them then be generously supported and vigorously maintained and improved, and he who covertly or openly makes attack upon them, be as one treacherous to the best interests of his country and people! After these years of trial, pregnant with glorious success, it is too late to undermine the foundations laid by the fathers, and destroy the grand structure built by the sons, and let him who attempts it be as one who hauls down the flag of his nationality!

At the time of our last annual report we stated there was due to teachers about three hundred and fifty dollars, and subsequently bills came in for janitors' services, fuel and incidentals, which increased the real indebtedness to something over five hundred dollars. To meet this, and the requirements of the then coming year, the town wisely made the generous appropriation of twelve thousand dollars, and one thousand dollars for contingent expenses.

We have paid for teachers' services, including amount due on the salaries of the year before, the sum of ten thousand five hundred and one dollars and fourteen cents ($10,501.14); for fuel, six hundred thirty-six dollars and twenty-one cents

($636.21); for janitors' services, seven hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-five cents ($720.25); and for incidental expenses, including the sum of three hundred and fifty-five dollars for stoves, twelve hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy nine cents ($1258.79), making a total expenditure of thirteen thousand one hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-nine cents ($13,116.39). We have received from the Massachusetts State School Fund, the sum of two hundred and fourteen dollars and three cents ($214.03), making the total fund at our disposal, thirteen thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars and three cents, showing a balance on hand of ninety-seven dollars and sixty-four cents, with some small bills outstanding.

As the schools are organized at this time, twenty teachers are employed, the aggregate of whose salary per year is nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-five dollars, at the prices now paid them. The janitors' salaries per year amount to seven hundred dollars, and reckoning the same sum for fuel the coming year as we have paid this year, six hundred thirty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents, it will cost to support the schools the ensuing year, aside from incidental expenses, the sum of eleven thousand ninety one dollars and twenty-seven cents. One thousand dollars will barely pay for the necessary repairs upon school houses, school furniture, books, stationery, and other various incidentals that are absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of the schools.

Can these sums be reduced? is asked by the town; we answer that in past years retrenchment has been a subject of anxious inquiry on the part of your Committee, and we have tried to carry into effect, efforts to reduce expenses. Last year we were able to make a notable saving; the present year we have decreased expenses to some extent, though not as much as we hoped at the commencement of the year.

The quantity of fuel will be about the same each year; the cost will vary with the market. It is with difficulty that suitable persons for janitors are obtained at the present salary, and to reduce the salary of a single one of the present corps of teachers in the town would be a burning disgrace to the town.

We made a reduction at the commencement of the year in the salary of nearly every teacher, and as a result, some felt

relieved from any obligation to remain longer with us than while a better opportunity was afforded them, and we lost some of our very best teachers, and to keep some who were under no special obligation, we were obliged to raise the salary to a larger figure than we could have made permanent engagements for at the commencement of the year, while others tempted from us by larger salaries elsewhere, felt that, having been in the town's service in its more prosperous days, they ought not now to desert. We fear we cannot longer retain the services of our best teachers at a reduced salary. Committees and Superintendents in adjoining towns have visited their schools, know their worth and are ready to hire them, and we do not know how to fill their places for the same money that is now paid them.

We believe the thoughtful intelligence of the town demands good schools, and it is a demonstrated impossibility to have them without good teachers, teachers who are such by profession, who are willing to devote their whole time with untiring energy to their work, teachers who are adapted by nature and fitted by training to that work. There are plenty of people who are willing to try to teach, and for a small salary, but it would be preferable to pay many of them a salary to remain at home than to have them in the schools for nothing. Of all the bad investments that the town can make, a poor, cheap teacher is the worst. Cheapness, as a rule, carries with it the element of worthlessness. To hire cheap teachers is a "penny wise but pound foolish" policy, "a saving at the spigot and a loss at the bung." If a dog is to be trained for the trick show, the best teacher is employed; if a horse is to be trained for the race,the best groomsman and driver are obtained; if a child is to be taught to dance, the service of the best professor of that art is secured at any price; if a decayed tooth is to be filled, the best dentist is employed, cost what it may; if a trifling contest arises between individuals or municipalities, the best talent is secured, be the expense large or small; but when it comes to the training of the God-given faculties of the human mind, the cheapest and the poorest must answer. To this we emphatically dissent, and we believe that this town dissents, and desires that her teachers shall be paid a fair and reasonable compensation, one which will enable them to live comfortably, dress respectably, and take such measures for the cultivation

and improvement of their own minds as will enable them to keep abreast of the times in all educational matters, and fit themselves for a satisfactory discharge of their daily duties.

To this end we ask the town to appropriate for the support of schools the sum of eleven thousand dollars, and one thousand for contingent expenses. Others, we are told, think a less amount will answer, but unless the salaries of teachers are reduced it involves a problem in a kind of mathematics not taught in our public schools, or a scaling down of debts at the end of the year which may answer in the latitude of Virginia, but for which the soil of Massachusetts is not yet ripe, and never will be while a drop of the old Puritan blood which founded her common school system courses in the veins of her sons.

CONDITION.

We take pleasure and pride in stating to the town our belief that the schools have never been in better condition as a whole, than during the past year; their work has been well systematized, and the teachers have understood what was required of them, and have labored faithfully and enthusiastically to discharge their duties. Less than the usual amount of friction has been observed between teachers and pupils. In some few instances scholars have been insubordinate, and a resort to corporal punishment has been necessary, but that spirit has been overcome, and in those schools where there has been no change of teachers, there has been found comparatively little occasion for the use of the rod. In schools where a change of teachers has taken place, good order has been maintained with more difficulty. Scholars are very apt to try the mettle of a new teacher, and in frequent instances, will not be satisfied until they have received a practical exemplification of muscle as well at mettle.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance during the year past has been very fair, the percentage has been decreased quite materially on account of the diphtheria which raged to an alarming extent in August and September, and many were excluded from school on account of their own illness, or some member of their family, and others remained away from the fear of contagion. While it was a mooted question whether that malignant

disease was contagious, your Committee preferred to treat it as such, and took every possible precaution to prevent its spread through the medium of the schools, and were, as far as they have been informed, entirely successful. We urge upon parents and scholars the importance of regular and constant attendance. Its desirability needs no argument, it needs only to be suggested to be granted, and to be secured needs a little effort and self-denial on the part of scholars, and a little denial and firmness upon the part of parents. In not a few instances that have come under our observation, scholars have been allowed to remain away from school by reason of representations to their parents in relation to the condition of their studies which were not consistent with exact truth. Let it be understood that there *can* be no condition of studies or recitations when it is better for the child to be away.

EXAMINATIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

The annual examinations for promotions in June were conducted in precisely the way described in our last annual report, but promotions were made by taking into account the scholar's rank in recitations as marked by the teacher, as well as the result of the written examinations. It was argued by some that a scholar's faithfulness in study, as shown by his recitations, should be taken in his favor, and upon the face it is a plausible argument. It was also argued that frequently good scholars from nervousness or ill health, failed to pass a creditable examination. This may be true in an occasional instance. It is too early now to determine with accuracy the wisdom of adding that element to the consideration of the question of promotion. So far as we have been enabled to observe, every scholar who failed to obtain the required percentage in the annual examination, and was promoted upon his recitation mark, has made a comparative failure in the school to which he was promoted. Whether such scholars will be able to continue the course without interruption, is an open question, and upon that depends in a measure the wisdom of continuing that method of determining promotions.

A material objection to it is, that it opens the door to gross wrongs by a dishonest or unfaithful teacher, if such we should chance to have. A scholar may receive a good mark for a

poor recitation, or a poor mark for a good recitation, but it is quite impossible for him by the method adopted, to pass a good examination unless he has a good knowledge of the subjects upon which he is examined.

DIPLOMA.

We find upon the records of the School Committee, under date of Feb. 16th, 1863, that Hon. Lilley Eaton reported "that Cyrus Wakefield, Esq., had generously offered to pay the expenses of the Diploma for the graduates of the High School," and it was thereupon voted, "that the Committee thankfully accept the offer of Mr. Wakefield, and that they cause his likeness to be placed upon the Diploma."

This was the Diploma given to the graduates of the High School from 1863 to the present year. It is well known that prior to Mr. Wakefield's death, he desired a change in the Diploma, and often expressed his intention of procuring a new one and presenting it to the town, and it is as well known that Mrs. Wakefield cherished the design of carrying out her husbands purpose, and some progress was made prior to her death upon the devise. After her decease, the heirs of Mr. Wakefield generously offered to carry into effect the intention twice thwarted by death, and a new lithograph of modern design was procured at large expense by them, the central figure of which is the best likeness of Mr. Wakefield now extant. The whole is very neat and tasty, and makes an elegant testimonial to those whose faithfulness and scholarship have entitled them to its possession. The thanks of the town are due to the heirs of Mr. Wakefield for their generous gift, and to Mr. Enoch H. Wakefield for the Diplomas presented to the class the present year.

MUSIC.

Mr. George F. Wilson has had charge of the music in the schools with substantially the same arrangement as last year. His success in teaching the rudiments of music, and teaching scholars to sing has been very marked, although as one parent expressed it, he has not been able "to make a canary out of an owl." In May a very interesting and successful concert was given in the Town Hall under his supervision, in which about five hundred scholars participated. Quite a sum of money was realized, all of which was expended in the purchase of books for the schools.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

Prior to this year the town has lost some of the benefits from what is known as the truant law, for the reason that no provision had been made for a place of custody for violators of this law. This year arrangements have been made with the authorities of the City of Lowell to take care of our truant children at a reasonable rate.

FUEL.

The item of fuel has always been a large one, and during the year an examination of the relative cost of heating our school-rooms with wood and coal has been made, and it has been found that fully one-third can be saved by using coal, so coal stoves have been substituted for wood stoves in ten school rooms, at a cost of about three hundred and fifty dollars, which sum was charged to the contingent fund and accounts for the over-draft there reported.

HIGH SCHOOL.

TEACHERS: MELVIN J. HILL, *Principal.*

ELIZA M. GREENWOOD, } *Assistants.*
MARTHA KEITH, }

With this year Mr. Hill closes ten years of faithful service in this school, during which time he has done much to improve and elevate the school, and has established for himself a reputation as an accomplished and accurate scholar and a faithful and painstaking teacher.

At the close of the first term Miss Greenwood was obliged to resign on account of impaired health, and Miss Martha Keith, who supplied Miss Greenwood's place during the winter previous, was appointed to the position of Assistant, and to this time has discharged her duties in an admirable and efficient manner. The attendance in this school is not as large as it ought to be in a town of the size of ours, and in this respect it does not compare favorably with adjoining towns. In the year 1877–8, the total number in our High School was seventy-eight; in Stoneham, ninety-six; in Reading, one hundred and fourteen, and in Melrose, one hundred and seventeen. Some of the causes of this we adverted to in our last report, and the same causes still exist, but there lies behind all

these, a too general lack of interest in educational matters among the people of the town, and until that is overcome, our High School can never take the rank to which its merit entitles it.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

These took place on the evening of June 27, in the Town Hall, which was filled to repletion. The exercises were somewhat lengthy, but of a high order. The essays were thoughtful, well written, natural and characteristic of the class. The whole entertainment was happy in conception and in execution, and if we can judge from appearances, "we eight" appreciated the end of the journey,

> "O'er stony steeps with briars and brambles grown,
> To starry spheres where only light is known."

The following was the

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1	Salutatory,	Miss M. E. Bartlett.
2	Greeting Song,	Class of '78.
3	Essay, "Imaginary Tea Party in the 18th Century,"	Miss H. M. Upham.
4	Double Quartette, "Come Away the Sunny Hours,"	Lahee.
5	Essay, "What Shall We Eight Do?"	Miss V. R. Nesmith.
6	Double Quartette, "Greeting to Spring,"	Strauss.
7	Class Characteristics,	Miss A. Freeman.
8	Calisthenics.	
9	Class History,	Miss S. E. Young.
10	Song,	Miss V. R. Nesmith.
11	Prophetic Poem, "What the Years Brought,"	Miss M. F. Davis.
12	Trio, "Those Evening Bells,"	Abt.
13	Essay, "Speak Well of the Bridge that Carries you Safely Over,"	Miss H. J. Winship.
14	Chorus and Quartette, "How Cheerily Goes the Day,"	Emerson.
15	Valedictory Essay, "From Gold to Gray,"	Miss A. G. Currier.
16	Parting Song,	Class of '78.
17	Presentation of Diplomas,	Rev. A. S. Garver.

We copy the parting song, composed by Miss Davis, and set to music by Miss Nesmith.

PARTING SONG.

"O, schoolmates, we've together been
Through shady, shining years,
And bright our deepest thoughts within,
The backward glance appears;
Yet bowing to His stronger will
Who ruleth us on high,
With brave, firm hearts, we, happy still,
Will sing our last "good-bye."
CHO.—Good-bye! O, sing it softly, low!
And draw each one more nigh;
Clasp hands once firmly ere we go,
And then—sing soft "good-bye."

O, classmates, let us go to-night
From out the dear High School,
With eyes turned only to the light,
With hearts the iron rule
Of life and death can closer bind,
With souls that willing wait
The time when we again shall find
The "Class of Seventy-eight.
CHORUS.

And by the power of Him who folds
All nations in His hand,
We'll bide the time when each beholds
The heavenly glory grand;
And then once more, shall joyous ring
Within the higher gate,
The glad, old songs we used to sing,
As 'Class of Seventy-eight.'"
CHORUS.

The following are the names of the graduating class:

MARY E. BARTLETT,
ALICE G. CURRIER,
MARTHA F. DAVIS,
ALICE FREEMAN,
VICTORINE R. NESMITH,
HATTIE M. UPHAM,
HELEN J. WINSHIP,
SARAH E. YOUNG.

COURSE OF STUDY.

During the year the course of study in this school has been revised, and in response to very general desire, a business course of two years has been established for the purpose of enabling those who desire, to obtain a more practical fit for mercantile and business life. It has thus far proved quite popular, eleven having selected that course. It cannot be said, however, to have passed beyond the age of experiment. The full course is appended to this report.

THE ADVANCED AND FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Teachers, { M. E. WENTWORTH, Advanced Grammar.
ABBIE S. PERKINS, First Grammar.

The teachers in these schools have given practical evidence of their appreciation of drill, and their knowledge of the meaning of training the mind. They exemplify in their work the difference between knowledge and education. They never attempt to cram the scholar's mind, but while gathering up such information as is desirable, he is taught to think and reason for himself. Different in manner and method, both are logical, and their schools harmonize with facility, the one is an admirable fit for the other. The number of promotions was so great that at the commencement of the year the First Grammar School was found to be too large for one teacher, so those scholars who constituted the first class in the Second Grammar School, were transferred without promotion to the Advanced Grammar, and pursue the same studies as those in the First Grammar. They average considerably older, and have had one or two years' more time in the schools and ought to excel materially.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Teachers, { F. S. CUTTER, *Principal.*
SUSAN E. BARKER, *Assistant.*

This school has continued during the year under Mr. F. S. Cutter, who, in addition to the care of his school, has had the supervision of the yard, and the conduct of the scholars in the other schools on the hill, outside of the school-room. His administration of all the affairs entrusted to him

has been admirable. His management of the schools and his method of teaching, have met with unqualified approbation. Miss Barker remained as assistant to the end of the summer term and rendered efficient service.

THIRD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

M. ANNIE WARREN, Teacher.

Miss Warren has the faculty of governing with ease, and her school is always a model of good order, and the results attained are always gratifying.

FIRST AND THIRD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Teachers, { ELENORA HUTCHINSON, ALICE A. ALEXANDER.

Miss Hutchinson is the senior teacher in town, having been appointed in Jan, 1858. Her long term of service attests the appreciation in which she has been held.

Miss Alexander was appointed two years ago, and has proved an energetic teacher.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teachers, { HANNAH H. TAFT, JENNIE L. DEARBORN,

Miss Taft had charge of this school from September 1877, to June 1878, and did most excellent service in it. Her pleasant manners, kindly heart, and ready sympathy won and retained the affection of her scholars. She was selected by the Committee of Newton from more than one hundred applicants for a position in the schools of that city, and a salary of six hundred dollars proved a greater attraction than any Wakefield could present.

Miss Jennie L. Dearborn, a graduate of our High School, and a teacher of some years' experience, was elected to fill the vacancy, and since September has been doing excellent work. An air of cheerfulness worthy of imitation pervades her room.

FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MYRA A. STEARNS, Teacher.

Miss Stearns has labored conscientiously and successfully during the year, and a corresponding degree of progress has marked the school. Always pleasant, she wins the affection of her scholars, and those who have passed on, sigh for the halcyon days of her room.

SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

M. I. HERSEY, Teacher.
CLARA E. BANCROFT, Assistant.

If perfect adaptation of teacher to the needs of scholars is found anywhere, it is in this school. No more beautiful and interesting scene is presented in a visit to our schools than here, where the tact and ingenuity of the teacher keep all her scholars active and exhuberant.

Miss Hersey belongs to the Froebelian School of teachers, who strive to develop the child and all his faculties in a natural manner, while checking all propensities to evil, to promote children's healthy activity, to awaken their imagination gradually to the influence of the beautiful and good, to develop their reason, stimulate their capacity, and sow the seeds that are to produce adults of sound mind in a sound body, good citizens and true Christians.

Miss Bancroft closed her services as Assistant with the Summer term, having been in the school about one year. She performed all her duties in a most acceptable manner.

NORTH WARD SCHOOL.

F. M. EVANS, Teacher.

Miss Evans has maintained her well earned reputation in this school. The scholars present a happy appearance and have made good progress. The interest in the school is well sustained.

EAST WARD SCHOOL.

ANNIE R. KILLORIN, Teacher.

Irregularity in attendance has injured this school to some extent, and we hope this evil will be remedied in the future.

There has been a tendency to be too ambitious, and it has shown itself in a lack of thoroughness upon examination. Miss Killorin has labored unremittingly to bring her school to a high standard.

WOODVILLE.

ALICE M. HAMMOND, Teacher.

At the commencement of this year Miss Wiley resigned. Miss Hammond was appointed to fill her place, and has remained during the year doing good work. Irregularity of attendance has affected this school very perceptibly, the average attendance having been only seventy-six per cent. No school can take good rank if nearly one quarter of the time is lost. Miss Hammond is a teacher of large experience, and has made her school as pleasant and profitable as it well could be.

GREENWOOD.

MARY J. GEORGE, Teacher.

Miss George commenced her duties with the beginning, and has remained during the year, discharging them to the satisfaction, so far as we know, of everybody. The parents in this ward take a lively interest in everything that pertains to the well-being of their school, and the teacher is well supported by outside influence. We are pleased to note the high rank which some of the scholars from this ward are taking in the Centre.

FRANKLIN STREET INTERMEDIATE.

SUSIE D. TURNBULL,
SUSAN E. BARKER,
ALICE FIELD,
} Teachers.

Frequent change of teachers is unfortunate for any school, and this one has suffered unusually in this respect the past year. Miss Turnbull resigned at the close of the summer term to assume more congenial relations in life. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Barker, former assistant in Second Grammar School, where she had won an excellent reputation, was appointed to the position and remained one term. At the beginning of the winter term she was confined with scarlet fever, and resigned. Miss Alice Field, of Wellesley, has had charge of the school since January, and gives promise of excellent success.

FRANKLIN STREET PRIMARY.

EMMA L. UPHAM, Teacher.

During the whole year this room has been crowded to overflowing and several changes have been made to relieve it, but without complete success. The school is always cheerful and happy, and the progress has been good.

WEST WARD INTERMEDIATE.

NELLIE A. MILLER, Teacher.

Miss Miller took charge of this school, having had but slight experience in teaching. She has spared no pains to fit herself for her work, and her school shows that she has been faithful in it. Scholars who were promoted from her room to the First Grammar, are competing successfully with those who have passed through the Centre Schools.

WEST WARD PRIMARY.

L. J. MANSFIELD, Teacher.

No obstacle is allowed to impede the progress of a school under Miss Mansfield's charge. She evidently believes that "where there is a will, there is a way," and the work assigned her has been faithfully performed.

We have made above such general suggestions as seemed to us wise in the present state of public feeling, and in a more detailed manner, our impressions of the schools gathered from three hundred and fourteen visits made to them during the year. We append hereto some statistics which we trust will prove of interest, and respectfully submit the whole as our annual report.

(Signed)

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*
GEORGE W. ABORN.
THEO. E. BALCH.
E. P. COLBY.
A. S. GARVER.
SAM'L K. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—Since the above report was written, the Committee have received the following letter from Mr. Hill, which explains itself:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,—I hereby tender my resignation of the Principalship of the Wakefield High School, to take effect at the close of the present School Year, or as soon thereafter as my successor shall be appointed.

I cannot close my ten years' service without expressing my appreciation of the kindness, forbearance and support which I have received during this long term from my many pupils, the good people of Wakefield, and the various Boards of School Committee. Very Respectfully,

MELVIN J. HILL, *Prin. Wakefield H. S.*

WAKEFIELD, March 11, 1879.

After consultation your Committee accepted the above resignation to take effect at the close of the Summer Term.

S. K. HAMILTON, *Sec.*

NAMES OF TEACHERS, SALARY, AND DATE OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected	Salaries.
High School, . .	Melvin J. Hill, . .	Mar., 1869,	$1400pr.yr.
" " . .	Eliza M. Greenwood, .	Jan., 1876,	520 " "
" " . .	Martha Keith, . .	April, 1878,	600 " "
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, .	Mar., 1871,	625 " "
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, .	Sept., 1873.	500 " "
" " " 2,	Fred'k S. Cutter, .	Jan., 1878,	800 " "
" " " 2,	Susan E. Barker, Asst.	Sept., 1877,	200 " "
" " " 3,	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871,	420 " "
Ctr. Inter. No. 1,	Elenora Hutchinson, .	Jan., 1858,	420 " "
" " " 2,	Hannah H. Taft,	Sept., 1877,	380 " "
" " " 2,	Jennie L. Dearborn, .	Sept., 1878,	380 " "
" " " 3,	Alice A. Alexander, .	April, 1877,	380 " "
Ctr. Primary No. 1,	Myra A. Stearns, .	Sept., 1875,	360 " "
" " " 2,	M. I. Hersey, . .	Dec., 1876,	400 " "
" " " 2,	C. E. Bancroft, Asst.	Sept., 1877,	200 " "
West Intermediate,	Nellie A. Miller, .	Sept , 1877,	360 " "
" Primary, .	L. J. Mansfield, . .	Sept., 1871,	360 " "
Franklin St. Int.,	Susie D. Turnbull, .	June, 1876,	380 " "
" " "	Susan E. Barker, .	Sept., 1878,	380 " "
" " "	Alice Field, . .	Jan., 1879,	380 " "
" Primary,	Emma L. Upham, .	Sept., 1874,	360 " "
North Ward, . .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862,	400 " "
East Ward, . . .	Annie R. Killorin, .	Sept., 1873,	400 " "
Woodville, . . .	Alice M. Hammond, .	April, 1878,	360 " "
Greenwood, . .	Mary J. George, ,	Mar., 1878,	400 " "
	Geo. F. Wilson, (Music,)	Sept., 1876,	450 " "

Number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1878, 923.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attend'ce.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	57.2	56.1	98.1	57
Advanced Grammar,	40	38.6	96.4	14
Centre Grammar, No. 1,	38	36.1	95	6
" " No. 2,	60	53.4	89	5
" " No. 3,	46	41.3	89.7	
" Intermediate, No. 1,	36.7	34.7	86.1	
" " No. 2,	32.5	28	86	
" " No. 3,	53	45.7	86.3	
" Primary, No. 1,	40	34	84.8	
" " No. 2,	54.3	50.2	92.5	
West Intermediate,	41	35	84	
" Primary,	46	35	76	
Franklin Street Intermediate,	46	39.1	85	
" " Primary,	56.8	44.4	78.2	
North Ward,	39	34	86	
East Ward,	51	43	84	
Woodville,	23	18	76	
Greenwood,	45	40	80	
	836.4	788.7	85.3	82

	Population in 1875.	Valuation in 1877.	No. of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, 1877–8.	No. of scholars in school, 1877—8.	Average number in school, 1877—8.	Sum appropriated by the town to each child between five and fifteen years of age, 1877–8.	Rank in County of Middlesex as to amount appropriated for each child.	Percentage of valuation appropriated to public schools, expressed in mills and hundredths of mills.	Rank in State as to percentage of valuation raised for schools, 342 towns, 1877—8.
Arlington, . . .	3,906	$1,228,115.00	823	907	680	25.516	1	003.83	90
Malden, ...	10,843	10,085,890.00	2,080	2,599	2,054	17.067	14	003.52	130
Melrose, ...	3,990	4,195,244.00	718	905	724	17.409	13	002.98	203
North Reading, .	979	444,113.00	158	176	127	11.392	33	004.45	67
Reading, . . .	3,186	2,360,437.00	454	550	457	18.722	9	003.60	113
Stoneham, . . .	4,984	3,147,010.00	909	1,025	747	15.291	16	004.42	39
Wakefield, . .	5,349	3,964,680.00	1,018	921	866	10.805	37	002.77	235
Watertown, . .	5,099	7,446,450.00	850	875	725	18.947	8	002.16	303
Winchester, . .	3,099	3,760,318.00	563	638	506	21.314	3	003.19	174
Woburn, . . .	9,568	8,674,522.00	2,112	2,127	1,726	12.781	27	003.11	188

HIGH SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD.

Course of Study established August, 1878.

TERMS.	FIRST YEAR.			SECOND YEAR.			THIRD YEAR.		Fourth Year.
	Business Course 2 YEARS.	English Course. 3 YEARS.	English and Classical Course 4 YEARS.	Business Course 2 YEARS.	English Course. 3 YEARS.	English and Classical Course 4 YEARS.	English Course. 3 YEARS.	English and Classical Course 4 YEARS.	English and Classical Course. 4 YEARS.
FALL.	Com'l Arith. Physiology. B. Keeping. Single Ent.	Algebra. Physiology. B. Keeping. Single Ent.	Algebra. Physiology. Latin.	Geometry. Chemistry. Trigonom'y	Geometry. Chemistry, Trigonom'y	Geometry. Chemistry. Latin.	Geology. French. Roman His.	Geology. French. Virgil.	Rhetoric. Eng. Liter'e. French. Latin.
WINTER.	Com'l Arith. Physiology. B. Keeping. Single Ent.	Algebra. Physiology. B. Keeping. Single Ent.	Algebra. Physiology. Latin.	Geometry. Chemistry. Lab. Work. Trigonom'y	Geometry. Chemistry. Lab. Work. Trigonom'y	Geometry. Chemistry. Lab. Work. Latin.	Geology. French. Grecian His.	Geology. French. Virgil.	Rev. Arith. Eng. Liter'e French. Latin.
SPRING.	Com'l Arith. Nat. Phil. B. Keeping. Double Ent.	Algebra. Nat. Phil. B. Keeping, Double Ent.	Algebra. Nat. Phil. Latin.	Geometry. Surveying. Field Work.	Geometry. Astronomy. Surveying, Field Work.	Geometry. Astronomy. Latin.	Rhetoric. French. Eng. Hist'y.	Rhetoric. French. Virgil.	Rev. Geog'y. Eng. Liter'e. French.
SUMMER.	Com'l Arith. Nat. Phil. B. Keeping. Double Ent.	Algebra. Nat. Phil. B. Keeping. Double Ent.	Algebra. Nat. Phil. Latin.	Botany. Navigation. Surveying. Field Work.	Botany. Astronomy. Navigation. Surveying.	Botany. Astronomy. Latin.	Rhetoric. French. English and French His.	Rhetoric. French. Virgil.	Rev. Gram. Eng. Liter'e. French.
	Free hand Drawing. Penmanship (daily). Reading. Spelling. Compositions. Declamations. Mental Calculations (daily). Music.			Geometrical Drawing. Penmanship (daily). Reading. Spelling. Business Correspondence. Declamations. Mental Calculations (daily). Music.			Perspective Drawing. Reading. Spelling. Penmanship. Composition. Declamation. Music.		Reading, Spelling. Penmanship. Composition. Declamati'n. Music. Civil Gov.

☞ College Course will depend upon requirements of the College which the scholar proposes to enter.

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Beebe Town Library.

Again "the finger on the dial-plate of time" points to the completion of a year, which, added to the many already gone into the treasury of the past, brings to the span of nearly a quarter century, the existence of the trust over which for a time, we have been privileged to preside.

It is gratifying to observe from our view-point, fixed in an era of depressed commerce and political uncertainty, that in the domain of thought, the realm of study and of books, there are no "suspensions" and no seasons of confusion. Mind triumphing over matter holds the even tenor of its way, and the asperities of business and of politics seem only to brighten and intensify the thought-powers of men, and to clear and strengthen their recorded utterances.

The conviction deepens year by year in the minds of all students of our social problems, that, to the wide diffusion of intelligence alone, can we hopefully look for the solution of the many vexed issues which not only engage but threaten society. The hurry and exactions of the struggle for existence in our land, compel the conclusion that a chief agency of a

general intelligence must be found in the current reading of the people.

Our public press and our public libraries, hold, therefore, a far higher mission than simply to deal out the passing news, or to amuse the mind with the vagaries of fiction and romance. It is both their duty and privilege, first to create an insatiate thirst for basis knowledge and sound information, and then sending deep their buckets in the wells of truth to offer their brimming flow to all.

A sense of conscious power, apparently born of a knowledge of the immense resources of our nation, and of their accessibility, seems to underlie the American thought, but the *real* power and advantages which these possessions can give, will be slowly achieved and much of it lost, if that thorough knowledge which is the true key to their opening is not generally acquired. We can well afford to engraft upon our American confidence the thoroughness of German information.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has well said, "there is but one thing that half-knowledge is afraid of, and that is *whole*-knowledge." Whole-knowledge is only demanded by a people whose general intelligence amounts to half knowledge.

It is hence plain that our social and material prosperity are based upon that universal spread of intelligence which will develop the great masters of thought, and our press and our libraries must be the nurseries of the general information.

A lesson that the whole tendency of the atmosphere and the times is teaching is, that industry and instruction of all kinds are becoming, and must become, more and more concentrated, and hence the work of specialists. As the legitimate result of the recognition of this fact, books of special purpose and covering particular subject-matter increase in demand and have the attention of both publisher and reader.

It is the experience of the librarians of the older nationalities that this demand for books of technical or peculiar significance keeps pace with the closer competitions of trade and manufacture and the density of population.

Our library, which hitherto has naturally been mainly of general purport, will in its future probably be no exception to the above rule, and the attention of its future Trustees will no doubt be steadily called, year by year, to larger consideration

of its classified wants. The year's experience has not been fruitful of suggestion, but the Trustees feel that they may congratulate the town, the habitues of the library and themselves upon the completion of the new catalogue which they are able with the close of the year to present. Long needed and striven for, it promises to be all that its promoters have wished and expected. Undertaken with doubt as to what its character and construction should be, it is confidently believed that the very great expenditure of time and labor which have alone supplied the lack of adequate funds, will command in their result the approval of all.

As an additional feature of usefulness and convenience, the employment of special printed slips for the designation of books is revived, and it is earnestly hoped will never again fall into disuse.

The observations of the librarian in regard to the demands made upon the library as mentioned in last year's report, are reaffirmed as the experience of the year now closing. It is exceedingly gratifying to note the increasing regard of the visitors of the library for the proprieties of the place, and the hope is thereby stimulated that the near future may afford in reading-room facilities ampler provision for their needs.

In the closing hours of the official year, reviewing the perplexities and pleasures, the devolvements and delights of their charge, the Trustees record with gratification, in the language of Virgil, their conviction, "that in the hereafter this will be of pleasant memory."

A matter of some little importance is the very possible loss, in the coming year, of a portion of the income the library has been wont to rely upon, viz., the proceeds of the surplus dog tax. It is quite probable that at least ten per cent. of the surplus fund accruing from the dog tax, will be appropriated by the Legislature to the maintenance of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and while it is true that the sum thus diverted from us will not be a large one, it means to us the loss of just so many new books upon our shelves, unless the deficiency shall from some other channel be made good, and it is much to be hoped that the citizens of the town, either personally or in their corporate capacity, will see that the pleasurable and profitable resources of the library are not losers in such event.

The Trustees recommend for the coming year an appropriation of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, with the proceeds of the dog tax.

(Signed) EDWARD MANSFIELD, *Chairman.*
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary.*
C. W. EATON, *Treasurer.*
LUCIUS BEEBE.
THOMAS WINSHIP.
JOHN M. CATE.
JOHN HOGAN.
CYRUS WAKEFIELD.
HARRIET N. FLINT.
S. O. RICHARDSON.
H. H. SAVAGE.
F. P. HURD.
AZEL AMES, JR.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

CR.

By balance from last year,	$ 1 62	
Town Appropriation, *general*,	100 00	
Town Appropriation, *special, for new catalogue*,	250 00	
Dog taxes, refunded Town by County,	337 03	
Donation from Azel Ames, Jr., account of new catalogue,	50 00	
Donation from Harriet N. Flint, acct. of new catalogue,	20 00	
Donation from Lucius Beebe, account of new catalogue,	30 00	
Donation from Cyrus Wakefield, for books	50 00	
Dividend from C. M. F. Insurance Co.,	5 40	
Interest on Flint Fund,	60 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund,	23 88	
Sale of old books and papers,	1 86	
Fines collected,	31 05	
		$960 84

DR.

To Cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian,	$275 00	
for new books,	85 63	
replacing books worn out,	143 57	
repairs of books,	55 25	
covering paper,	16 50	
blank books,	6 75	
Amount carried forward,	$582 70	

Amount brought forward,	$582 70	
To Cash paid for express charges, . .	6 60	
postage stamps, . . .	1 50	
book cards, ...	4 00	
sundries at Library, . .	5 25	
book labels, numbered, . .	9 50	
V. E. Marsh, preparing new catalogue, ...	50 00	
Rand, Avery & Co., printing and bind'g new catalogue, 600 cps.	300 00	
Balance on hand, . . .	1 29	
	———	$960 84

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,	6,389
Added by purchase within the year,	244
donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,	42
Mrs. Everett Hart,	2
Mr. C. C. Marsh,	2
Miss Elizabeth Walton,	1
Mr. C. H. Poland,	1
Mr. Abel F. Hutchinson,	1
Mr. Franklin Poole,	1
State of Massachusetts,	5
Bureau of Education,	1
Exchanged for Town Histories,	4
Persons having signed the By-laws,	87
Number of accounts on which Books have been charged,	682
Number of Books re-bound,	218
" " discarded,	77
Whole number of Books delivered,	29,214
Decrease since last year,	1,187
Greatest number to one account,	253
Average number delivered each day,	250
" " " " hour,	50

(Signed)

VICTORINE E. MARSH, *Librarian.*

WAKEFIELD, March 15th, 1879.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

The Auditors again present to the town the Annual Reports of its various town officers, and certify that the accounts of such officers as have had charge of the expenditure or the collection of moneys, have been examined and are now found to be correct and properly vouched for.

We have added a new feature to our report this year, in giving, in a somewhat condensed form, the action of the town on all matters during the year at its various meetings. We believe it will be interesting to many, and valuable for future reference.

An error occurs on page 27, in the W. H. and L. Co.'s statement, the rent for which should date from Jan. 1st, 1878, instead of "1877," as there stated.

In the *Note* under head of Town House Expenses, the income of the Town Hall as there given, includes a portion of the receipts for February, 1878. The receipts for the *twelve months*, ending March 1st, 1879, were $434.50.

(Signed) T. J. SKINNER,
E. E. EMERSON,
W. S. GREENOUGH,
Auditors.

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriation Committee's Report,	76
Appropriations, List of,	21
Assessors' Report,	66
Auditors' Report,	21
Auditors' Statement,	121
Births,	80
Collector's Statement,	45
County Tax, (see Treasurer's Report,)	47
C. Wakefield Engine Co.,	35
Deaths,	86
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	32
Engineers' Report,	67
Fire Department Expenses,	26
Fish Committee's Expenses,	37
Fish Committee's Report,	71
Greenwood Street Appropriation,	44
Highways and Bridges,	37
Jurors' List,	5
Librarian's Report,	120
Library Finances,	31 and 118
Loan Account, (Treasurer's Report,)	47
Lodgings for Tramps,	35
Marriages,	83
Military Aid, New Law,	36
Miscellaneous Expenses,	33
Murray Street Appropriation,	43
New Salem Street Appropriation,	43
Overseers of Poor Report,	51
Park Extension,	42
Police Expenses,	29
Police Report,	69
Rodney Edmands' Claim,	36
Salaries of Town Officers,	29
School Committee's Report,	91
School Contingent,	24
School Expenses, (regular,)	22
Selectmen's Report,	61
Sidewalk from Yale Avenue to Congregational Church,	44
Spaulding Street Appropriation,	42
State Aid,	49
State Tax, (Treasurer's Report,)	47
Street Lamps,	31
Support of Poor,	28 and 51
Tax Deeds, List of,	50
Town Clerk's Report,	80
Town Debt,	48
Town House Expenses,	32
Town Meetings,	6
Town Officers, List of,	3
Town Seal,	35
Treasurer's Report,	46
Trustees of Library Report,	114

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1880.

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

AUDITORS, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, FIRE ENGINEERS, FISH COMMITTEE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF THE
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
DURING THE YEAR 1879.

WAKEFIELD:
CITIZEN AND BANNER PRESS, WAKEFIELD'S BLOCK.
1880.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1879-80.

SELECTMEN.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman.*

JOHN S. EATON, *Secretary.* B. B. BURBANK.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

TOWN TREASURER.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

ASSESSORS.

JOHN S. EATON, DAVID PERKINS, JAMES OLIVER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CYRUS N. WHITE,	Term Expires	1882.
SAMUEL F. LITTLEFIELD,	" "	1881.
WILLIAM H. ATWELL,	" "	1880.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, *Sec'y and Treas,,*	Term Expires	1882.
WILLIAM N. TYLER,	" "	1882.
E. P. COLBY,	" "	1881.
GEORGE W. ABORN,	" "	1881.
LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman,*	" "	1880.
THEODORE E. BALCH,	" "	1880.

AUDITORS.

T. J. SKINNER, E. E. EMERSON, W. S. GREENOUGH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

RICHARD BRITTON.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

LUCIUS BEEBE,	CYRUS WAKEFIELD,
T. E. BALCH,	HARRIET N. FLINT,
CHESTER W. EATON,	S. O. RICHARDSON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,	F. P. HURD,
EDWARD MANSFIELD,	H. H. SAVAGE,
JOHN M. CATE,	AZEL AMES, JR.

GEORGE H. TEAGUE.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHARLES H. DAVIS, *Chief,* S. F. LITTLEFIELD, C. W. TROW.

FISH COMMITTEE.

OSCAR I. STOWELL, THOMAS GOULD, SAM'L PARKER, JR.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

S. O. RICHARDSON, E. P. COLBY, JOHN M. CATE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Highway Surveyors.

JOHN M. CATE,	Centre District.
B. F. SHEDD,	North "
L. B. EATON,	South "
J. J. MANSFIELD,	East "
JOHN A. TYLER,	West "
HENRY N. OLIVER.	Woodville "

Fence Viewers.

CHAS. H. STEARNS, GEORGE PACKARD, GEO. H. TEAGUE.

Constables.

CHARLES H. DAVIS, F. G. COKER, MOSES STAPLES.

Police Officers.

CHAS. H. DAVIS, *Chief.*	HENRY W. EUSTIS,*
FREDERIC G. COKER,	JOHN H. EATON,
JOSEPH TUTTLE,	REUBEN L. COOPER,
JOHN McMAHAN,	ORRIN C. POTTER,
ISRAEL A. PARSONS,	JOHN W. JENKINS.

* Resigned October 18th, 1879.

Pound Keeper.

JOHN B. ATWELL.

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEO. W. ABORN, GEO. K. GILMAN, E. W. EATON,
A. A. MANSFIELD, A. W. CHAPMAN.

Measurers of Wood.

WM. H. GRAY,	A. A. MANSFIELD,
JOSHUA WALTON,	HENRY CLAY,
A. J. HUTCHINSON,	E. W. EATON,
JOSEPH TUTTLE,	B. F. ABBOTT,
M. C. EVANS,	C. W. GREEN.

Surveyors of Lumber.

HENRY CLAY,	GEO. H. TEAGUE,
HENRY L. HASKELL,	GEORGE PACKARD,
EUGENE S. HINCKLEY,	C. F. BICKFORD,

FRED H. HENRY.*

*Appointed by Selectmen in place of E. S. Hinckley.

Truant Officers.

WM. H. WILEY, F. G. COKER.

Field Drivers.

THOMAS HICKS,	EUGENE E. OLIVER.
EDWARD GREEN,	AARON BUTLER.

Committee on Appropriations.

WM. S. GREENOUGH,		JAMES F. EMERSON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,		T. E. BALCH,
THOMAS J. SKINNER,		J. C. HARTSHORNE,
LUCIUS BEEBE,		L. B. EATON,
WM. F. YOUNG,		A. W. BROWNELL,
JAMES OLIVER,		WM. OLIVER,
WM. H. ATWELL,	JOSHUA WALTON,	JAS. J. MANSFIELD.

List of Jurors

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 4, 1879.

Abbott, George
Abbott, Henry F.
Abbott, Benj. F.
Allen, Mark W.
Atherton, Arlon S.
Atwell, John
Atwell, Wm. H.
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Bridger, Wm. J.
Balch, Theodore E.
Boardman, Moses
Bickford, Chas. F.
Burbank, B. B.
Connell, Joseph
Carter, James H.
Crocker, Luther
Dodge, Arthur P.
Dolliver, Horatio
Eaton, Levi B.
Emerson, Frederic
Emerson, James E.
Emmons, Dimon T.
Fisher, Henry S.
Flanley, John
Gilman, Geo. K.
Hardy, George A.
Heath, Leonard N.
Hawkes, Aug. A.
Hartshorne, Charles F.
Jenkins, John W.
Kendrick, Rufus
Kenney, Thomas
Killoran, James
Knights, Elisha
Low, Michael
Mansfield, Joseph D.
Mansfield, James J.
Mason, David P.
Nichols, Jefferson J.
Niles, Charles E.
O'Hea, Bartholomew,
Oliver, Henry N.
Oliver, James
Parsons, Israel A.
Parker, Samuel, Jr.
Perkins, David
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Potter, James W.
Putney, Stillman J.
Rayner, James
Ronan, Michael H.
Stearns, Charles H.
Stowell, Issachar
Taylor, Marcus C.
Turnbull, Alexander
Walton, Herbert W.
Walton, Oliver
Webster, John W.
White, Cyrus N.
Young, William F.

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28th, 1880.

Annual Town Meeting, April 7th, 1879.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock, A. M., by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was elected Moderator, having all the votes cast, (thirty-one).

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the Annual Reports of Town Officers.

Voted. To accept the reports of the different Town Officers as printed.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee on Appropriations.

Voted. To accept the report of the Committee on Appropriations as printed.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. Under this article the following preliminary votes were passed, viz:

Voted. That a committee of three be appointed by the chair who shall retire and nominate a committee of thirteen, three from the Centre, and two from each of the outer wards, who shall present a list of names to this meeting, for officers not chosen by ballot.

The Chair appointed as the Committee of three, Messrs. W. N. Tyler, E. E. Emerson and T. E. Balch, which Committee afterwards reported as the nominating committee of thirteen, the following named gentlemen:

Centre District,		T. E. Balch, David Perkins, Thomas Winship.
West	"	GEO. H. Teague, A. E. Perry.
North	"	E. E. Emerson, Henry Haskell, Jr.
East	"	J. J. Mansfield, Abram Gould.
South	"	H. H. Savage, L. B. Eaton.
Woodville	"	B. W. Oliver, Warren Wiley.

VOTED. That the Polls be kept open until 5 o'clock, P. M., and then closed.

VOTED. That the further consideration of town business be postponed until one o'clock, P. M.

The Chair appointed to superintend the check-list, Messrs. H. S. Fisher, Chas. H. Stearns, Howard Emerson, R. L. Cooper.

Also to sort and count votes, Messrs. John S. Eaton, E. H. Walton, M. J. Hill, Wm. H. Atwell, Jr., Geo. H. Teague, John A. Meloney.

The result of the ballot, as afterward announced, was as follows:

TOWN CLERK.

Charles F. Hartshorne had 528 votes. (Elected.)

TOWN TREASURER.

James F. Emerson had 528 votes. (Elected.)

SELECTMEN.

John S. Eaton,	(Elected.)	518.
B. B. Burbank,	"	316.
James Oliver,	"	244.
David Perkins,		202.
Theodore E. Balch,		194.
Geo. H. Teague,		69.
Scattering Votes,		4.

ASSESSORS.

John S. Eaton,	(Elected.)	526.
David Perkins,	"	497.
James Oliver,	"	316.
A. J. Hutchinson,		117.
John Purrington,		65.
Joseph Connell,		28.
Scattering Votes,		5.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Cyrus N. White,	for 3 years,	(Elected.)	508.
Samuel F. Littlefield,	" 2 "	"	443.
William H. Atwell,	" 1 "	"	407.
William F. Young,	" 2 "		68.
Joseph Connell,	" 1 "		83.
Scattering Votes,			11.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Samuel K. Hamilton,	for 3 years,	(Elected.)	482.
William N. Tyler,	" 3 "	"	286.
Jacob C. Hartshorne,	" 3 "		136.
Austin S. Garver,	" 3 "		122.
Scattering Votes,			5.

CONSTABLES.

Chas. H. Davis,	(Elected.)	495.
Frederic G. Coker,	"	342.
Moses Staples,	"	338.
Howard Emerson,		189.
William H. Gray,		106.
Isaac F. Sheldon,		69.
William G. Skinner,		1.

FISH COMMITTEE.

Samuel Parker, Jr.,	(Elected.)	524.
Oscar I Stowell,	"	526.
Thomas Gould,	"	527.
Scattering Votes,		4.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Solon O. Richardson,	(Elected.)	528.
Edward P. Colby,	"	524.
Samuel W. Abbott,	"	479.
John R. Mansfield,		35.

FENCE VIEWERS.

George Packard,	(Elected.)	409.
Charles H. Stearns,	"	399.
George H. Teague,	"	333.
John Shea,		72.
Andrew C. Perkins,		117.
John Purington,		124.
Jacob H. Eaton,		106.

The following officers were chosen by adoption of report of Nominating Committee, each name being voted for separately.

AUDITORS.

T. J. Skinner. E. E. Emerson. W. S. Greenough.

COLLECTOR of TAXES.

Richard Britton.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Lucius Beebe.	Cyrus Wakefield.	T. E. Balch.
Harriet N. Flint.	C. W. Eaton.	S. O. Richardson.
Thomas Winship.	F. P. Hurd.	Edward Mansfield.
H. H. Savage.	John M. Cate.	Azel Ames, Jr.
	Geo. H. Teague.	

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

John M. Cate, ...	Centre District.
B. F. Shedd, ...	North "
L. B. Eaton, ...	South "
James J. Mansfield, ...	East "
John A. Tyler, ...	West "
Henry N. Oliver, ...	Woodville "

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND MERCHANDISE.

Geo. W. Aborn.	Geo. K. Gilman.	E. W. Eaton.
	A. A. Mansfield.	

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

William H. Gray.	A. A. Mansfield.	Joshua Walton.
Henry Clay.	A. J. Hutchinson.	E. W. Eaton.
Joseph Tuttle.	B. F. Abbott.	M. C. Evans.
	C. W. Green.	

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Henry Clay.	Geo. H. Teague.	Henry L. Haskell.
George Packard,	Eugene S. Hinckley.	C. F. Bickford.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Thomas Hicks.	Eugene E. Oliver.	Edward Green.
	Aaron Butler.	

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

William S. Greenough.	T. E. Balch.	Thomas Winship.
J. C. Hartshorne.	T. J. Skinner.	Jas. F. Emerson.
Lucius Beebe.	L. B. Eaton.	William F. Young.
A. W. Brownell.	James Oliver.	Wm. Oliver.
Wm. H. Atwell.	James J. Mansfield.	Joshua Walton.

ART. 5. To see if the town will will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay all demands in anticipation of taxes.

VOTED. On motion of E. E. Emerson, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money to pay all demands in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of town debt and interest.

VOTED. That the sum of six thousand dollars ($6000) be raised and appropriated for payment of interest on the town debt, and the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000) for payment on the principal of town debt.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools, for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars ($10,500) for the support of schools for the year ensuing. And it was also voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) for School Contingent Expenses.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Poor for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) for the support of the Poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing, and determine how the same shall be expended.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars ($3500) for the repairs of Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars ($225) in addition to the funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer from the Dog-Tax, for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand and one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($2125) for the payment of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That the salaries of the Town Officers be the same as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations, viz:

For Town Treasurer, . . .	$ 50.
" Town Clerk,.	100.
" Board of Selectmen, . .	400.
" " " Assessors, . .	350.
" " " Overseers of Poor, .	150.
" " " School Committee, .	200.
" " " Fire Engineers, .	75.
" " " Auditors, . .	100.
" Tax Collector, for collecting tax warrant of 1879, . . .	400.
" Constables and Police Services,	300.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Street Lamps for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the maintenance of Street Lamps for the year ensuing.

ART. 14. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) for the payment of Miscellaneous Expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Town House Expenses for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the Town House Expenses.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate in order to meet the annual deficiency arising from abatements and discounts on tax lists.

VOTED. That the subject be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of additional improvement of the Park Extension.

VOTED. That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of additional improvement of the Park Extension, and that the income from the sale of grass on the Common be added to this appropriation.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the expenditure of a specified and limited sum for the purpose of improving the acoustic properties of the Town Hall.

VOTED. That the Selectmen be authorized to have a screen put across the stage for the purpose of improving the acoustic properties of the Town Hall, the expenses not to exceed forty dollars ($40) to be paid from the Miscellaneous Expenses.

ART. 19. To see what method the town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That a committee be appointed by the Chair, who shall report to the town the best method for collecting taxes for the year ensuing. The Chair appointed as that committee, Richard Britton, Wm. F. Young and J. M. Cate, who offered the following report, which was afterwards accepted and adopted by vote.

1st. That all taxes not exceeding the sum of three dollars shall be paid on or before the first day of August, 1879, and if not paid within thirty days from that date, the Collector shall immediately proceed to collect them according to law.

2d. One-half of all other taxes shall be payable on or before the fifteenth day of September, 1879, the other half on or before the fifteenth day of February, 1880. That the Collector be authorized to allow a discount of four per cent. on all property taxes paid on or before the fifteenth day of September next.

3d. All taxes not paid within fourteen days after they are due, a notice shall be issued to the delinquent demanding payment, for which twenty cents shall be charged additional, and on all taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum shall be added until paid.

4th. That all property taxes not paid on or before the fifteenth day of April 1880, be advertised, and enough sold to pay the tax, interest and expenses.

5th. All taxes to be payable at the office of the Collector, he to notify all persons to be found by the presentment of their bills, at least two weeks before the tax is due—poll taxes excepted.

6th. The Collector to pay all money as fast as collected to the Treasurer, and he shall be required to settle his tax-list within two years from the time of his election, and upon his failure to do so, the Town Treasurer be instructed to sue the Collector's bonds.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

VOTED. That the Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

ART. 21. To determine the compensation of Enginemen for the year ensuing.

After various motions had been made, that the compensation of Enginemen be fixed at $15.00, $12.00, $10.00 and a sum equal to the poll tax, and $20.00 including the poll tax, which were all rejected by the town, it was *Voted* that the compensation of Enginemen for the ensuing year, be fixed at the sum of thirteen dollars ($13) and a sum equal to the poll tax. (Yes, 142; No. 46.)

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to providing lodgings, and employment as remuneration for the same, for travelling paupers, commonly designated as tramps.

VOTED. That the subject of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 23. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen not to grant any licenses to sell alcoholic or malt beverages.

A motion to pass this article over was lost.

VOTED. That the Selectmen be instructed not to grant any licenses to sell alchoholic or malt beverages for the year ensuing.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in relation to the care and education of neglected children, as provided in Chapter 283 of the Acts of the year 1866, and made compulsory upon towns having a population of five thousand, by Acts of 1878, Chapter 217.

On motion of W. N. Tyler, it was

VOTED. That the Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered for and on behalf of the town, to make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning the children named in Chapter 283 of the Public Laws of the year 1866, and to provide a place where such children may reside; and also prepare all such By-Laws and Ordinances respecting such children as shall be deemed most condu-

cive to their welfare and the good order of the town, and report the same as early as may be to the town for action thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the purpose of paying the funded loan of ten thousand dollars, maturing May 1, 1879.

VOTED. That the Treasurer be authorized to hire the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for the purpose of paying the same amount of funded loan, maturing May 1, 1879.

ART. 26. To see if the town will grant their Treasurer discretionary authority in regard to the sale by auction of such real estate as has been conveyed to the town by Collector's tax-deeds, in cases where the owner does not redeem within the time prescribed by law, and where the titles upon examination appear to be defective and invalid.

VOTED. That the Treasurer be authorized to use discretionary action with regard to a sale by auction of such real estate as has been conveyed to the town by tax Collector's deeds, and not redeemed by the owner within the time prescribed by law, when the titles upon examination appear to be defective and invalid; and when it shall appear conclusive to the Treasurer and Selectmen that such titles are defective and worthless, they may be discarded from the report of the list of deeds held by the Treasurer.

ART. 27. To see if the town will build a reservoir at, or near, the intersection of Chestnut and Emerson streets, or what action it will take thereon.

VOTED. That this article be referred to the Engineers with power to build a reservoir, and that the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

ART. 28. To see if the town will repair the sidewalk on the southerly side of Church Street from the corner of Main and Church Streets to the junction of Church and Lafayette Streets, or what action the town will take thereon.

VOTED. To refer this subject to the Selectmen.

ART. 29. To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to settle the claim of Rodney Edmands for Bounty, or what action the town will take in relation thereto.

James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a verbal report in regard to Mr. Edmands' demand for Bounty, Having examined the case and employed counsel, they thought Mr. Edmands had no just claim.

VOTED. To accept the report of the Selectmen.

ART. 30. To see if the town will instruct the committee on the Edmands' claim to settle and pay the same (if they have not already done so), and that no money voted for the use of said committee shall be paid or used to defend the town in said suit, or to pay for advice.

VOTED. That the Committee on the Rodney Edmand's claim be instructed to settle and pay Mr. Edmands the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) and the interest on the same from 1863. (Yes, 68; No. 57.)

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take to collect money belonging to the town, the evidence of which is in possession of citizens of the town, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. That a committee of two be appointed to collect all money belonging to the town, and turn it over to the Town Treasurer without expense to the town. E. A. Upton and Thomas W. Coombs were appointed on that committee.

ART. 32. To see what action the town will take towards enlarging the water-way beneath Water Street, from the outlet near the railroad crossing east of the Centre Depot, westerly, in order that the troublesome collection of water remaining on land in the vicinity of Broadway may be allowed to escape.

VOTED. On motion of James Oliver to refer this matter to a committee consisting of Geo. W. Aborn, M. S. Southworth, Cyrus Kimball, C. F. Richardson and Charles W. Trow, to report at a future meeting, and serve without pay.

ART. 33. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for the expenses of the Fish Committee, during the year ensuing, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars

[$50] to defray the expenses of the Fish Committee for the year ensuing.

ART. 34. To see if the town will choose Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing by ballot instead of in the customary method.

This article was taken up earlier in the meeting, after action upon Article 3. It was first voted to choose the Highway Surveyors by ballot. A motion to reconsider was carried in the affirmative, and it was then voted that the article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 35. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) for the purposes of Memorial Day, or what they will do in relation thereto.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars [$150] for the purposes of Memorial Day.

ART. 36. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall during the year ensuing, to the Temperance Organizations of Wakefield, for the purpose of holding temperance meetings, where no admission fee is charged, or what action the town will take in relation to the same.

VOTED. To grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Temperance Organizations of Wakefield for holding temperance meetings, where no admission fee is charged for the ensuing year.

ART. 37. To see if the town will encourage its citizens in protection against fire, outside of its present system of only heavy central machinery, by paying from the Fire Department Appropriation an annual sum, of one dollar each, to owners of efficient portable hand force-pumps; and also pay the additional sum of five dollars, annually, to the owners of such pumps, who shall use them within the radius of a mile, or at any other fire in town when so requested by the Chief Engineer, or other person duly authorized; their number not to exceed one hundred—twenty in the Centre, and sixteen in each of the outer districts, and all to be personally examined and approved at least twice annually, by some competent person duly appointed for that purpose; these pumps to be well distributed in the respective districts.

VOTED. To pass the article over.

ART. 38. To see if the town will make an appropriation for two additional street lamps; one to be located between the houses of Mr. Darling and Mr. Kendricks, and one about midway between the house and shop of Russell Seaver, on Main Street, Greenwood.

VOTED. To refer this article to the Selectmen with discretionary power.

ART. 39. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to change the location of the lamp near the Greenwood Depot, to the opposite side of the street, and to a point a few rods further north; also, to change the location of the lamp now standing near the house of W. H. Stevens, to a point further south, and opposite the house of J. Niles Kimball.

VOTED. That this article be referred to the Selectmen, with discretionary power.

ART. 40. To take action on the question of raising and appropriating two hundred dollars to grade the sidewalk on the north side, and to build one on the south side of Bryant Street, and to repair said street.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (200) to repair the sidewalks, and grade Bryant Street.

ART. 41 To see if the town will choose at each annual April meeting, a Committee on Appropriations, who shall duly report at the next annual meeting.

This article was taken up early in the meeting, and it was

VOTED. To choose a Committee on Appropriations, said committee to report at the next annual meeting.

VOTED. That the committee of thirteen chosen to bring in a list of town officers not chosen by ballot, shall add the Appropriation Committee to their list. (For names see their report on page 9.)

ART. 42. To see if the town will reconsider its action of April 1st, 1878, whereby it accepted the provisions of Chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1877, in relation to the election of Overseers of the Poor for three years.

This article was indefinitely postponed.

ART. 43. To see if the town will instruct the Engineers to appoint a Company for the C. Wakefield Engine, for the year commencing May 1st, 1879, or what they will do in relation thereto.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 44. To see if the town will exempt from taxation the property heretofore known as the Franklin Foundry, for the space of three years, from May 1st, 1879, provided the company occupying those premises shall give preference of employment to the people of the town, and shall have a paid up capital stock of not less than $80,000.

Motions to lay on the table and indefinitely postpone were both rejected, and it was

VOTED. To refer the whole matter to the Assessors.

ART. 45. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) for the payment of bills now in the hands of the Selectmen, on account of the removal of snow during the past year.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 46. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) to be used by the Selectmen during the year ensuing, if necessary, for labor required in the removal of snow.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 47. To hear and act upon the reports of committees.

E. A. Upton, Esq., in behalf of the Committee chosen November 5, 1878, "To see if the town will appoint the members of C. Wakefield Engine Co. Enginemen for the term of one year, commencing Nov. 15, 1878," made a verbal report that the town had no authority to act in the matter.

The report was accepted.

The following resolution was adopted by the town.

Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession of all ballots cast for Town Officers, and preserve the same for the space of three months.

A vote of thanks was then given to the Moderator, and at 6.15 P.M. it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Town Meeting, April 28, 1879.

AT 7 1-2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was elected Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose one member of the Board of Health for the year ensuing, in place of Dr. S. W. Abbott, who declines to serve on that Board.

VOTED. That a committee of three be appointed to retire and nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Health. Azel Ames, Jr., Lucius Beebe and Stephen Lufkin were appointed as that committee, and they reported the name of John M. Cate, who was elected by hand ballot, the vote standing as follows. Yes, 138; No. 100.

ART. 3. To see if the town will by ballot rescind its action taken on the seventh day of April, A.D., 1879, in relation to instructing the Selectmen not to grant licenses to sell alcoholic and malt beverages.

A motion was made to adjourn but rejected. It was then voted on motion of B. F. Bancroft to pass the article over by a vote of Yes, 231; No, 219.

A motion was then made to dissolve the meeting, and carried in the affirmative. Yes, 231; No. 212, and the meeting was dissolved.

The remaining articles in the warrant upon which no action was taken were as follows, viz.:

ART. 4. To see if the town will instruct the Engineers to appoint a Company for the C. Wakefield Engine, for the year commencing May 1st, 1879, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 5. To see if the town will expend the sum of one hundred dollars to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Vernon Street, between Water and Pleasant Streets.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote to choose Highway Surveyors by ballot at the next annual municipal election.

ART. 7. To see if the town will limit the free use of the Town Hall by the Temperance Organizations of Wakefield to a specified number of evenings, during the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see if the town will expend the sum of fifty dollars to repair the sidewalk upon the westerly side of Pleasant Street, between Vernon and Eaton Streets.

ART. 9. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to repair and grade Main Street, commencing at Salem street, and running as far as the corner of Crescent Street.

ART. 10. To see if the town will direct that all disbursements of the public moneys be made through the Treasurer, and that all bills properly approved by the various Boards be paid by their orders.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to choosing a committee of three to examine into the past and present system of managing our Town Farm; to see if that farm can be made more self-supporting in the future, than it has been in the past, or what they will do about it.

ART. 12. To hear and act upon the reports of Committees heretofore chosen.

TOWN MEETING, MAY 19, 1879.

AT 7 1-2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

ART. 1. To choose, by ballot, a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was elected Moderator, having eighty-one votes. E. A. Upton had three votes.

ART. 2. To choose by ballot one member of the Board of Health for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To see if the town will, by ballot, rescind its action taken on the seventh day of April, A.D., 1879 in relation to instructing the Selectmen not to grant licenses to sell alcoholic and malt beverages.

VOTED. To proceed to ballot for one member of the Board of Health in place of S. W. Abbott, who declined to serve.

VOTED. On motion of E. A. Upton that Articles 2 and 3 be taken up together, and that the voting be carried on together. Yes, 244; No, 131.

Motion that when the polls are open for the reception of ballots, they remain open for one hour. [Lost.]

VOTED. That all those who are in favor of rescinding the action taken April 7, 1879, in regard to the selling of alcoholic and malt beverages will vote Yes; those opposed, No.

The chair appointed to superintend the check-list J. K. L. Baker, Oliver Walton, H. L. Day and M. J. Hill, and for sorting and counting votes, E. A. Upton, E. E. Emerson, W. S. Greenough, G. H. Teague, W. F. Young, and J. A. Maloney.

Result of the ballot.

For member of Board of Health.

John M. Cate, - - .	187 votes.
James E. Abbott, - - -	132 "

And Mr. Cate was declared elected.

On rescinding vote of April 7, 1879 in relation to granting licenses to sell liquors and malt beverages Yes, 200; No, 247.

ART. 4. To see if the town will order a bell to be placed upon the Franklin street school-house, orwhat actionthey will take in the matter.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to repair and grade Main street, commencing at Salem Street and running as far as the corner of Crescent Street.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 6. To see if the town will expend the sum of one hundred dollars to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Vernon Street between Water and Pleasant Streets.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 7. To see if the town will expend the sum of fifty dollars to repair the sidewalk upon the westerly side of Pleasant Street between Vernon and Eaton Streets.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to grade Pleasant Street from Salem to Eaton street.

VOTED. That this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 9. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen not to grant the use of the Town Hall to any society, church, organization or individual whatever, except upon payment of the full price thereof.

VOTED. To pass this article over. Yes, 146; No. 91.

ART. 10. To see if the town will direct that all disbursements of the public moneys be made through the Treasurer, and that all bills properly approved by the various Boards, be paid by their orders.

VOTED. On motion of W. G. Strong that the town direct that all disbursements of the public moneys be made through the Treasurer, and that all bills properly approved by the various Boards, be paid by their orders on the Treasurer of the town.

Later in the meeting, this action was by vote reconsidered, and the whole subject indefinitely postponed.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to choosing a committee of three to examine into the past and present system of managing our Town Farm, to see if that farm can be made more self-supporting in the future than it has been in the past, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. On motion of W. G. Strong, that the town choose a committee of three to investigate the past and present system of managing the Town Farm, to see if the farm can be made to be more self-supporting in the future than it has in the past, and report at some future town meeting, and would name for that committee Wm. F. Young, John M. Cate, Henry H. Savage.

This vote was amended by giving the committee power to examine all books and papers belonging to the Overseers' department.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to choose Highway Surveyors by ballot at its next annual meeting.

VOTED. That hereafter the Highway Surveyors be chosen by ballot.

ART. 13. To hear and act upon the reports of Committees heretofore chosen.

James Oliver, Chairman of Board of Selectmen and Committee on Edmands' claim reported that when Mr. Edmands would give satisfactory receipts they were ready to settle with him. His taxes for 1877–8 were due, and the disbursing officers have a right to deduct the amount due the town for taxes, out of his claim, and Mr. Edmands would not be paid until the taxes were paid. (No action taken.)

Thomas W. Coombs, chosen on Committee at the annual meeting to collect money now in the hands of individuals, and belonging to the town, reported that several persons had obtained from the town, money which did not belong to them and soon as possible measures would be taken to have it paid back again without cost to the town. (No further action taken).

VOTED. To dissolve the meeting.

TOWN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1879.

AT 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose, by ballot, a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Wm. S. Greenough had five votes and was declared elected Moderator.

There being but a small number of voters present, a motion to adjourn for one week at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., prevailed, and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting, September 8, 1879.

at 7 1-2 o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, W. S. Greenough, and proceeded under Art. 2.

Article 2. To see what compensation, if any, the town will authorize to be paid to Sumner Weston, on account of injuries received upon West Water street.

Voted. That this article be referred to a committee of three, who shall thoroughly investigate the matter and report at the next town meeting.

Voted. That the Selectmen be that Committee.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the town committee upon the subject of improved drainage of the Lake Street District.

C. F. Richardson, in behalf of the committee on drainage of the Lake Street District, submitted their report. (Report placed on file in hands of Town Clerk.)

Voted. To accept the report.

Voted. That any further action in the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 4. To see if the town will allow interest to be paid upon the claim of Patrick Fay, for balance of town bounty.

Voted. That the town pay interest upon the claim of Patrick Fay for balance of town bounty.

Art. 5. To see if the town will construct a bridge in the place of the old one, over the stream on the Lynnfield and Wakefield line, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted. That the subject matter of this article be left to the Selectmen, to take such action as they think best.

Art. 6. To see if the town will cause the river to be cleared out from Water street to the Saugus line, or what they will do about it.

Voted. That any action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 7. To see if the town will cause Pleasant street, from Salem to Eaton street, to be graded, and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose.

VOTED. To indefinitely postpone the subject of this article.

ART. 8. To see if the town will re-consider its former action, requiring all new streets to be laid out forty feet wide at least.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 9. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen with reference to the laying out of the private way known as Auburn street, as a public town way.

James Oliver submitted a report of the Selectmen for the laying out as a town way, the private way known as Auburn street.

(Report recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Folio 58.)

VOTED. To accept the report.

VOTED. That this report be referred back to the Selectmen to report again at the next town meeting, and to include in their report the probable expense of laying out the street forty feet wide instead of thirty.

ART. 10. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen with reference to the laying out, as a public town-way the private way leading easterly from Lake to Foundry street.

James Oliver, Esq., submitted a report of the Selectmen for a new street from Lake to Foundry street.

VOTED. To accept the report.

VOTED. To adopt the report.

(Report recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Folio 59, under the title of Maple Street.

ART. 11. To hear and act upon the reports of town committees.

There being no committees to report it was

VOTED. That the meeting be dissolved.

Town Meeting, November 4, 1879.

STATE ELECTION.

Meeting was called to order by James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. After the reading of the warrant, prayer was offered by the Rev. R. R. Riddell.

Voted. That the polls be closed at 4 45 o'clock P. M.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of ballots for the various officers named in the warrant.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

For Governor.

JOHN D. LONG, of Hingham,	440
BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, of Lowell,	337
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of Quincy,	30
DANIEL C. EDDY, of Hyde Park,	2

For Lieutenant Governor.

BYRON WESTON, of Dalton,	468
ALBERT C. WOODWORTH, of Chicopee,	306
WILLIAM R. PLUNKETT, of Pittsfield,	33

For Secretary of State.

HENRY B. PEIRCE, of Abington,	485
MICHAEL T. DONOHOE, of Somerville,	317
HENRY L. PEIRCE, of Somerville,	1

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

CHARLES ENDICOTT, of Canton,	474
DAVID N SKILLINGS, of Winchester,	300
GEORGE DUTTON, of Springfield,	26
JOHN O'HEA, of Winchester,	1

For Auditor.

CHARLES R. LADD, of Springfield,	474
DAVIS J. KING, of Boston.	299
CHARLES R. FIELD, of Greenfield,	33

For Attorney General.

GEORGE MARSTON, of New Bedford,	472
WM. D. NORTHEND, of Salem,	270
HORACE BINNEY SARGENT, of Salem,	30
RICHARD OLNEY, of Boston,	33

For Councillor, 6th District.

GEORGE HEYWOOD, of Concord,	474
JOHN C. SANBORN, of Lawrence,	331

For Senator, 6th Middlesex District.

DANIEL RUSSELL, of Melrose,	473
JAMES SKINNER, of Woburn,	301
CHARLES H. LANG, of Reading,	31

For District Attorney.

JOHN W. HAMMOND, of Cambridge,	475
JAMES J. McCAFFERTY, of Lowell,	330

For Sheriff.

EBEN W. FISKE, of Waltham,	475
JOHN A. G. RICHARDSON, of Lowell	331

For County Commissioner.

DANIEL G. WALTON, of Wakefield,	478
THOMAS H, HILL, of Woburn,	320
EUGENE OLIVER, of Wakefield,	1

For County Treasurer.

AMOS STONE, of Everett,	473
ALDEN WARREN, of Groton,	299
DAVID D. HART, of Woburn,	29

For Register of Deeds. Southern District.

CHARLES B. STEVENS, of Cambridge,	806

For Representative to the General Court, 11th Middlesex District.

LUCIUS BEEBE, of Wakefield,	392
AZEL AMES, Jr., of Wakefield,	383
WILLIAM S. GREENOUGH, of Wakefield,	2
JOSHUA WHITTEMORE, of Wakefield,	3

At 6.20 o'clock, P.M., this meeting was dissolved.

MEETING FOR TOWN BUSINESS.

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

William N. Tyler was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To receive and act upon the List of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen in accordance with law.

VOTED. That the List of Jurors, prepared by the Selectmen and presented to the town, be accepted and adopted. (For List of Jurors see Page 5.)

ART. 3. To see if the town will authorize the payment of interest on bounties from the date of discharge, to the time their full bounties were received, to those men who enlisted on the quota of this town during the late Rebellion, and who were honorably discharged from service.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen with reference to cost of land should Auburn street be laid out forty feet in width.

James Oliver, Esq,, in behalf of the Selectmen presented a report with reference to cost of land, should Auburn Street be laid out forty feet in width, estimating the entire cost at $840.90. (See Report in Town Clerk's Records, Book 6, Folio 548.

VOTED. To accept the report.

It was then

VOTED. To adopt the *former* report of the Selectmen, which was accepted by the town, September 8, 1879, laying out Auburn Street thirty feet in width, at an estimated cost of $200.

[This Report is recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Page 58.]

ART. 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen on Sumner Weston's claim for damages.

James Oliver, Esq., presented a report of the Selectmen on the claim of Sumner Weston for damages, recommending $125 as compensation.

VOTED. To accept the report. [Report recorded in Town Clerk's Records. Book 6, page 550.]

VOTED. That the sum of $125 be paid to Mr. Weston in full, for all compensation, and that that sum be appropriated by the town.

ART. 6. To see if the town will pay the expenses and counsel fees incurred by said town, or for which the C. Wakefield Engine Company became responsible to the Selectmen, for the payment thereof, in the equity suit instituted by W. S. Greenough *et als* against said town, or what action, if any, it will take thereon.

On motion of E. A. Upton it was

VOTED. That the town pay all expenses and counsel fees incurred by the town, or for which the C. Wakefield Engine Company became responsible for the payment thereof, in defending the equity suit wherein W. S. Greenough and others are the complainants, and the inhabitants of said town respondents, praying that the said inhabitants may be restrained from paying the members of the C. Wakefield Engine Company for services rendered to said town as Enginemen from May 1st., A. D. 1877 to May 1st., A. D. 1878, and the sum of $200 be appropriated for that purpose.

VOTED. That the meeting, so far as relates to town business be dissolved.

TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 1880.

ART. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

James Oliver was chosen Moderator by 14 votes.

ART. 2. To see if the town will increase, in the sum of seven hundred dollars, the amount of appropriation for the payment of miscellaneous expenses for the current year, or what action they will take in the matter.

VOTED. That the sum of seven hundred dollars be appropriated to increase the fund for miscellaneous expenses.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon report of the Selectmen with reference to widening Crescent and Eaton Streets, near their junction. James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of Board of Selectmen presented their report.

VOTED. To accept and adopt the report.

Report placed on file, and recorded with Commissioner's Records, Book 1, Page 60.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon reports of committees.

There being no committee to report it was

VOTED. To dissolve the meeting.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879-80.

For Town Debt,		$5,000 00
Interest on Town Debt,		6,000 00
Support of Schools,		10,500 00
School Contingent Fund,		1,000 00
Support of the Poor,		5,000 00
" " " Fire Department,		2,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers,		2,125 00
Expenses of Street Lamps,		1,000 00
Town House Expenses,		1,000 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	Regular, $1,500 Additional, 700	2,200 00
Highways and Bridges,		3,500 00
Support of Beebe Town Library,	$225 00	
Also Dog Tax 1878-9,	295 18	520 18
New Park Extension,,	$100 00	
Also Sale of Grass,	49 25	149 25
Reservoir Cor. Chestnut and Emerson Sts.,		400 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,		150 00
Expenses of Fish Committee,		50 00
Bryant Street Appropriation,		200 00
Maple " "		125 00
Auburn " "		200 00
Injunction Expenses, C. Wakefield Engine Company,		200 00
Claim of Sumner Weston,		125 00
Highway Repairs at Junction of Eaton and Crescent Streets,		50 00
Total		$41.494 43

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation authorized, ... $10,500 00

Expended as follows:

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Melvin J. Hill,	High School, . .	$430 83
Abbott Sanford,	" " . .	600 00
Martha Keith,	Ass't " " . .	587 50
Lucy P. Greenough,	" " " . .	239 99
M. E. Wentworth,	Advanced Grammar,	611 98
Abbie S. Perkins,	First " .	489 59
Frederick S. Cutter,	Second " .	698 31
M. Annie Warren,	Third " .	411 25
Elenora Hutchinson,	1st Intermediate, .	154 25
Jenny L. Dearborn,	2d " .	274 06
Clara E. Emerson,	2d " .	81 00
Alice A. Alexander,	3d " .	355 08
Myra A. Stearns,	1st Primary, .	352 50
M. I. Hersey,	2d " .	391 65
Geo. F. Wilson,	Music Teacher, .	431 26
Francella M. Evans,	North, . . .	374 66
Annie R. Killoran,	East, . . .	374 66
Nellie A. Miller,	West Int., . .	352 50
L. J. Mansfield,	" Primary, .	352 50
Mary J. George,	Greenwood, .	374 65
Alice Field,	Franklin Int., .	372 09
Emma L. Upham,	" Primary, .	352 50
Alice A. Hammond,	Woodville . .	141 50
Hattie M. Upham,	" . .	108 00
Clara J. Coney,	" . .	108 00
Total for Salaries,	. . .	$9,020 31

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Wm. H. Wiley,	High School Building,	$180 00
Geo. E. Gamage,	Centre District, . .	180 00
Henry Phelps,	North " . .	7 00
W. C. Perkins,	" " . .	28 00
Geo. H. Wiley,	East " . .	9 00
F. L. Knight,	" " . .	32 00
W. W. Bessey,	West " . .	76 00
H. C. Wilson,	Franklin, " . .	21 00
H. F. Abbott,	" " . .	56 00
I. F. Sheldon,	South " . .	35 00
Joseph Tuttle,	Woodville" . .	40 00
Total for Janitors,	. . .	$664 00

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid S. E. Benson,		
50 tons Furnace Coal at $4.75,	. .	$237 50
80 tons Egg " 4.75,	. .	403 75
Geo. W. Aborn,		
2,200 lbs. Coal,	Franklin Street, .	7 15
2,000 "	Centre District, .	6 50
2,350 "	Woodville, . .	7 65
2,400 "	Greenwood, . .	7 80
2,475 "	Franklin Street, .	6 72
2,200 "	West District, .	6 60
2,200 "	Centre " .	6 75
2,000 "	" " .	6 00
5 Cords Pine Wood, at $5.00	. .	25 00
1 Cord 2 ft., Oak, "	. . .	8 85
Geo. E. Gamage.	Preparing fuel, . .	1 67
W. W. Bessey,	" " . .	4 37
W. C. Perkins,	" " . .	2 83
H. F. Abbott,	" " . .	3 50
Total Fuel Account,	. . .	$742 64

Recapitulation.

Appropriation brought forward, . . .		$10,500 00
Expended:		
For Salaries of Teachers,	$9,020 31	
" Janitors,	664 00	
Fuel account,	742 64	
Total, ...		$10,426 95
Balance unexpended and now in hands of School Committee, . .		$73 05

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Regular Appropriation authorized, . . .		$1,000 00
Unexpended balance in hands of School Committee as per last report, . .		97 64
Received from sale of stove, . . .		10 00
" " rebate on school books, .		9 22
Total, . . .		$1,116 86
Expended as follows:		
Paid Geo. H. Teague,	Repairs, 1878-9, .	135 00
" " "	" 1879-80, .	52 36
Sidney Merchant,	" 1878-9, .	38 61
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	" 1879-80, .	47 24
Israel A. Parsons,	" " .	41 90
Daniel Goss & Co.,	" " .	15 05
L. J. Descalzo,	" " .	3 57
Dennis Greany,	" " .	16 25
M. C. Taylor,	" " .	2 37
W. J. Moulton,	" " .	27 50
Amount carried forward,		$379 85

Amount brought forward,		$379 85
Paid Bacon & Sweetser,	repairs, 1879, '80,	22 98
D. P. Mason,	" "	8 70
J. B. Whitney,	" "	6 25
Z. F. Fairbanks,	" "	3 92
J. H. Wentworth,	Pump, " "	28 50
James Westgate,	Lumber,	2 79
C. A. Cheney,	books and stationery,	6 73
W. H. Gray,	" " "	46 29
Edward E. Lee,	" " "	59 75
J. L. Hammett,	school supplies,	27 59
Boston School Supply Co.	" "	17 25
Wm. Ware & Co.,	" "	*16 40
Houghton, Osgood & Co.,	" "	2 43
Smith & Co.,	" "	63 62
Gunn & Heath,	" "	15 00
F. E. Stuart,	settees,	12 60
A. G. Whitcomb,	desks,	28 00
A. H. Davenport,	"	46 50
Weeks & Potter,	chemicals,	23 21
Doane & Greenough,	stationery,	44 00
W. H. Twombly,	printing,	31 40
M. J. Hill,	sundries for graduation,	4 99
Geo. F. Wilson,	music " "	10 00
S. B. Dearborn,	printing " "	11 75
Amer. Bank Note Co.,	printing diplomas,	6 00
G. C. Cannon,	writing "	1 75
Emma A. Currier,	copying,	3 00
Henry C. Abbott,	taking census,	25 00
W. G. Baker & Co.,	shades,	4 29
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	matting,	10 50
Geo. F. Wilson,	tuning piano,	2 00
C. R. Hamilton,	repairing clocks,	2 00
Amount carried forward,		$979 04

* $1 08 of this amount refunded and paid to Town Treasurer.

Amount brought forward,		$975 04
Paid C. H. R. Cheney,	repairing clock,	1 50
John P. Dodge,	" "	6 00
B. F. Abbott,	" "	1 00
C. H. Stearns,	setting trees,	4 50
F. S. Cutter,	travelling expenses,	4 20
C. H. Patch,	sundries,	2 75
J. H. Eaton,	express,	5 25
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	for gas,	9 45
C. B. Deming,	dusters and cushions,	6 00
J. W. Locke,	envelopes and stamps,	12 68
Geo. E. Gamage,	extra labor, &c.,	27 11
W. W. Bessey,	" "	11 25
W. H. Wiley,	" "	9 00
W. C. Perkins,	" "	3 00
I. F. Sheldon,	" "	1 75
H. F. Abbott,	" "	52
	Total	$1,081 00

Recapitulation.

Receipts by Committee brought forward,	$1,116 86
Expended as above,	1,081 00
Balance unexpended, now in hands of School Committee,	$35 86

The School Committee have also received from the Town Treasurer the amount received by him from the Mass. State Fund for 1879, amounting to $191 42, which leaves balances in the hands of S. K. Hamilton, Sec'y of the Board, as follows, viz:

Unexpended balance of regular appropriation,	$ 73 05
Unexpended balance of contingent appropriation,	35 86
Mass. State Fund for 1879,	191 42
Total,	$300 33

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized, ... $2,000 00
Expended as follows:

YALE ENGINE COMPANY.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1879,		$765 86
J. H. Emerson,	Steward's services,	37 00
Andrew Young,	use of horses, 1878,	38 00
Citizen's Gas L't Co.	gas,	4 20
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs,	1 75
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	shades,	10 75
L. H. Holbrook,	use of horse,	3 00
A. L. Marshall,	paper hanging,	17 18
Israel A. Parsons,	repairs,	7 00
Hunneman & Co.,	repairing hose,	7 50
J. F. Woodward & Son.,	supplies,	1 20
J. J. Mansfield,	fuel,	6 25
Total,		$899 69

Mr. Young's bill for the present year was presented too late for payment, amounting to $36.00.

CHEMICAL ENGINE CO.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1879,		$176 75
Justin Howard,	Steward's Services,	12 62
Charles Jordan,	Rent, 1 yr. to Aug. 15, 1879,	50 00
Cutler Bros.,	soda,	20 28
C. W. Badger,	chemicals,	3 74
W. C. Stoddard,	"	3 15
J. J. Mansfield,	fuel,	3 70
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs,	90
C. H. Davis,	"	1 00
J. F. Woodward & Son.,	"	1 60
Roger Howard,	"	1 25
Total,		$274 99

WASHINGTON HOOK AND LADDER CO.

Paid Firemen's services to May 1st, 1879,	.	$326 50
Warren Institution for Savings, Rent from March 1st, 1879 to Jan. 1, 1880	.	120 00
Fred Emerson, Steward services,	.	18 00
J. J. Mansfield, fuel,	. . .	1 75
Citizens Gas Lt. Co. gas,	. . .	1 05
A. S. Cobb, use of horses,	.	2 50
Israel A. Parsons, repairs,	. .	1 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	. .	13
C. A. Perkins, sundries,	. .	2 00
Total,		$472 93

SUNDRY OTHER EXPENSES.

Paid Abraham Gould, Rent of land for Engine House,		5 00
Geo. I. Oliver, Care of property,	.	3 00
C. H. Burdett *et als.* Extinguishing fires,	.	3 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., lock and staples,	.	55
" " repairing pumps,	.	2 82
Geo. H. Teague, " "	.	7 42
I. F. Sheldon, " "	.	4 15
N. H. Dow, " well,	.	5 00
John H. Eaton, express,	. .	1 00
" " care of reservoirs,		10 00
I. F. Sheldon, " "		2 00
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell, 1878,		4 00
J. F. Alexander, " "		3 50
E. W. Eaton, supplies for firemen,		17 04
John M. Cate, loam,	. . .	5 80
Henry Davis, sundries,	. .	2 00
Jos. D. Mansfield, "	. .	2 15
Cash drawn by C. H. Davis, Chief Engineer, for sundry repairs on Yale Engine House,		50 00
Total,		$128 43

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co.,	$899 69
Chemical Engine Co.,	274 99
Washington Hook & Ladder Co.,	472 93
Sundry other Expenses,	128 43
Total expended,	$1,776 04
Balance unexpended,	223 96
	$2,000 00

C. H. Davis, Chief Engineer, presents vouchers as follows for the fifty dollars drawn by him for repairs on Yale Engine House, viz.:

Paid Z. F. Fairbanks, painting and papering,	$20 58
W. J. Moulton, mason work,	8 50
Total,	29 08
Balance in hands of C. H. Davis, to meet bills already contracted for repairs,	20 92
	50 00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation authorized,	$5,000 00
Paid Cyrus N. White, Chairman of Board of Overseers, as per receipts,	5,500 00
Balance overdrawn,	$500 00

For details of Expenditures see Report of Overseers of the Poor.

The Auditors are of the opinion that this Appropriation should not have been overdrawn without a special vote of the

town, and would refer to a vote passed at the annual meeting of 1878, viz:

VOTED. "That the Appropriation for the Poor be governed by the same rules that govern other appropriations, and that the amount expended be limited to the appropriation voted."

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$2,125 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Board of Auditors for 1878–9, . . .		$100 00
" Selectmen, 1879–80, . .		400 00
" Assessors " . .		350 00
" Overseers of Poor, " . .		150 00
" School Committee, " . .		200 00
" Engineers, " . .		75 00
J. F. Emerson, Treasurer 1878–9, . .		50 00
C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, 1879–80, .		100 00
Richard Britton, Collector in full for 1877,		100 00
" " " on acc't for 1879,		300 00
Constables and Police, as follows, viz:		
C. H. Davis, . . .	$76 00	
F. G. Coker, . . .	61 20	
I. A. Parsons, . . .	46 64	
H. W. Eustis . . .	16 90	
J. H. Eaton, . . .	15 80	
John McMahon, . .	10 50	
Amounts carried forward,	$227 04	$1,825 00

Amounts brought forward, . .	$227 04	$1825 00
Paid Timothy Reagan, . .	3 00	
John Drugan, . . .	3 65	
Howard Emerson, . .	4 00	
J. F. Alexander, . .	3 00	
Alexander Turnbull, . .	7 00	
David Flanders, . .	7 00	
Oliver Walton, . . .	5 00	
Total, ...		$259 69
Amount expended, . . .		$2,084 69
Balance unexpended, . .		40 31
Total, ...		$2,125 00

The Appropriation for Constables and Police was $300; hence the unexpended balance of $40.31 comes from that department. We understand, however that there are some outstanding Police bills, which were presented too late for payment.

SUPPORT OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Regular Appropriation, ...		$225 00
Dog tax of 1878–9, ...		295 18
Total, ...		$520 18
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treas. of Board of Trustees as per receipts, ...		$520 18

For Expenditures see Trustees' Report.

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,		$1,000 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Citizens' Gas Lt. Co.,	for gas,	$493 51
E. W. Ricker,	" lighting,	33 08
T. H. Reagan,	" "	150 50
Henry Phelps,	" " 2 yrs.	20 00
I. F. Sheldon,	" "	90 00
" "	sundries,	6 17
E. W. Ricker,	"	1 20
Henry Phelps,	"	3 00
L. J. Descalzo,	repairs,	15 91
McNally & Gray,	"	2 25
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	5 73
John Starrett,	"	6 00
F. G. Coker,	"	19 75
B. P. Bowman,	lanterns,	28 75
C. W. Eaton,	"	5 75
Nathaniel Tufts,	posts, &c.,	37 00
Edward Coe,	gas cocks,	6 00
B. B. Burbank,	burner tips,	60
Cutler Bros.,	supplies,	17 36
Total,		$942 56
Balance unexpended,		57 44
		$1,000 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation authorized,	$150 00
Paid John W. Locke, Q'rmaster Post 12, G.A.R.	150 00

TOWN HOUSE EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$1,000 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., for gas, . .		$489 30
F. G. Coker, Janitor from March 1, 1879 to Jan. 1, 1880, ...		206 00
C. H. Davis, Janitor from Jan. 1 to March 1,		42 00
F. G. Coker,	change of hall doors, .	35 00
" "	meals for prisoners, .	6 28
" "	extra labor and sundries,.	15 00
J. J. Mansfield, 32 tons 350 lbs. coal, at 4.74		152 51
Geo. W. Aborn, 1 cord wood, . .		5 00
E. Paul,	repairs, . .	20 00
L. J. Descalzo,	" . .	15 90
W. J. Moulton,	" . .	9 00
Z. F. Fairbanks,	" . .	6 15
Daniel Goss & Co.,	" . .	1 00
James Conceles,	" . ,	5 00
J. F. Woodward & Son,	" . .	1 80
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	stove and repairs,	37 18
Garfield & Co.,	lettering settees,	25 11
John J. Kelley,	" " .	7 70
J. S. Paine,	repairing furniture,	3 30
John P. Dodge,	" clocks,	4 00
W. E. Griffin,	tuning piano, .	3 00
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	repairing mats, .	75
H. N. Winslow,	removing ashes, .	3 00
Cutler Bros.,	sundries, . .	6 40
John Martin,	" . .	50
C. H. Davis,	" . .	40
Total expended, . . .		$1,101 28
Amount overdrawn, . . .		101 28
		$1,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized, April, . . .	$1,500 00
" " February, . .	700 00
Total, ...	$2,200 00

Expended as follows:

MILITARY AID.—NEW LAW OF 1878–9.

Paid Nelson Gammons, ...	$140 00
John J. Kelley, ...	90 00
Hannibal Nichols, ...	70 00
Patrick Fay, ...	60 00
Daniel E. Shanahan, ...	32 00
Charles E. Tucker, . . . , .	34 00
Thomas Twisden, ...	56 00
Timothy Haggerty, ...	18 00
Peter Connell, ...	8 00
Total, ...	$508 00

NOTE.—One-half of the above amount will be refunded by the State.

PRINTING, STATIONERY, ETC.

Paid Conant & Newhall,	pt'g town reports, 1878–9,	$253 65
W. H. Twombly,	sundry pt'g & adv'g	184 04
S. B. Dearborn,	printing, . . .	13 25
Doane & Greenough,	books and stationery, .	30 82
" "	wood cut and electrotype of town seal, .	10 00
John W. Locke,	stamps and postals,	13 00
C. A. Cheney,	stationery, .	3 60
Total, ...		$508 36

INSURANCE.

Paid J. D. Mansfield for	Ins. on Town Library,	$45 00
C. F. Hartshorne,	" Town Hall furniture,	100 00
" "	" Town House,	87 50
Total, ...		$232 50

PERTAINING TO HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. & S. Winship,	repairs on sleigh of C. P. Foster, damaged by defect in highway,	$6 50
Wm. G. Skinner, 2d.,	damages on highway,	10 00
Peter B. Teed,	care of trees, . .	28 84
E. W. Eaton,	oil for trees, . .	2 00
John M. Cate,	trimming trees, etc., .	4 00
C. H. Stearns,	1-2 cost of fence on old burying ground, .	12 75
Oliver Walton,	labor on old cemetery,	6 82
Joshua N. Eames,	pump repairs in 1877,	50
C. F. Hartshorne,	auc'r selling grass, .	5 00
James A. Bancroft,	survey and plans, .	4 00
Amasa Farrier,	" " . .	10 25
F. S. Cate,	lettering signs, . .	6 00
F. G. Coker,	sign boards, . .	3 50
H. L. Haskell,	" " . .	2 00
Bacon and Sweetser,	" " . .	2 00
F. G. Coker,	repairing railing. .	1 00
Total, ...		$105 16

LEGAL SERVICES.

Paid S. K. Hamilton,	costs of court in the case of W. S. Greenough *et als. vs.* Town, .	*$98 00
S. K. Hamilton,	in other matters, . .	40 00
C. W. Eaton,	examining titles, . .	5 00
Total, ...		$143 00

* 36 cents refunded to Town Treasurer.

RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARDS.

Paid Warren Institution for Savings, Rent from Mch. 1st, 1879 to Dec. 1st, 1879. .	$225 00
Citizens' Gas Lt. Co., for gas from Feb. 1st, 1879 to Dec. 1, 1879, . . .	89 95
Geo. W. Aborn, fuel, ...	20 25
American Rifle Association, use of target,	32 40
Total, ...	$367 60

NOTE.—One quarter's rent now due and unpaid, amounting to $75. The amount paid for rent is refunded by the State.

TOWN OFFICERS' ACCOUNT.

Paid C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, for recording statistics, for 1878, . . .	$83 85
F. G. Coker, Truant officer for 1878–9, .	25 00
" " " " 1879–80, .	25 00
Wm. H. Wiley, " " 1878–9, .	25 00
Oliver Walton, undertaker, for return of deaths,	8 50
John A. Melony, " " "	*10 00
J. R. Mansfield, M.D., sundries, B'd Health,	7 55
H. L. Haskell, " " "	2 25
C. H. Davis, for Police badges, . .	3 75
Total, ...	$190 90

* Overpaid $7 50, which amount was returned to Town Treasurer.

NOTE.—Several bills in this department have not yet been presented for payment, viz.: W. H. Wiley, Truant officer for present year, W. G. Skinner for return of deaths, and C. F. Hartshorne, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and also for sundries for Town Clerk.

INCIDENTALS.

Paid E. E. Emerson, Treas. 4th July celebration,	$100 00
Patrick Fay, balance of Town Bounty,	20 00
" " interest on same,	20 00
Geo. Abbott, care of flag staff and repairs,	7 50
W. G. Skinner, circulating town reports,	9 00
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell,	4 50
R. H. Mitchell, " "	2 50
I. A. Parsons, " "	2 50
J. H. Eaton, express,	5 15
F. G. Coker, posting bills,	1 50
Hiram Woodis, defective tax title,	12 65
J. R. Mansfield, M.D., professional services,	2 00
John Martin, sundries,	50
Fish Committee appropriation overdrawn,	16 71
Total,	$204 51

Recapitulation.

For Military Aid, New Law 1878–9,	$508 00
Printing, Stationery, &c.,	508 36
Insurance,	232 50
Pertaining to Highways,	105 16
Richardson Light Guards,	367 60
Legal Services,	143 00
Town Officers' Sundries,	190 90
Incidentals,	204 51
Total,	$2,260 03
Amount overdrawn,	60 03
	$2,200 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized, ... $3,500 00

By vote of the Board of Selectmen, April 17th, 1879, the above appropriation was divided as follows:

Centre District,	John M. Cate, Surveyor,		$650 00
North "	B. F. Shedd, "		400 00
South "	Levi B. Eaton, "		400 00
East "	J. J. Mansfield, "		375 00
West "	John A. Tyler, "		600 00
Woodville "	Henry N. Oliver, "		275 00
Retained by Selectmen to pay balances due surveyors of last year, and for emergencies, ...			800 00
Total, ...			$3,500 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows:

AMOUNT RETAINED BY SELECTMEN.

Amount retained, ... $800 00

Expended as follows:

Paid C. H. Stearns, surv'r, bal. due as per last report					$96 81
C. P. Poland,	"	"	"	"	61 09
L. B. Eaton,	"	"	"	"	5 02
Thomas Gould,	"	"	"	"	38 69
Cyrus Kimball,	"	"	"	"	20 37
Joshua Perham,	"	"	"	"	29 10
Levi Flanders, removing snow, March, 1879.					75
Patrick Reardon,	"	"	"	"	1 00
Joshua Perham,	"	"	"	"	2 60
Patrick Butler,	"	"	"	"	2 50
Thomas Gould,	"	"	"	"	9 35
C. H. Stearns,	"	"	"	"	25 08
Amount carried forward,					$292 36

Amount brought forward,	$292 36
M. O'Connell, removing snow in March, 1878,	65
Andrew Young, " " " "	1 87
David Batchelder, labor on highway,	9 13
Cyrus Kimball, " " April,	7 60
N. H. Dow, as per contract for filling and widening Broadway near Smith's Pond,	80 00
F. G. Coker, building fence on Broadway,	13 62
" " material and labor on railings,	11 74
John McGrory, cutting down tree, etc.,	3 37
Thomas McAuliffe, " "	1 50
John M. Cate, repairs of drains,	5 75
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe and labor,	68 78
N. H. Dow, 109 loads gravel Richardson St.,	16 35
" " removing elm tree,	1 50
Cyrus Kimball, gravel and labor,	4 00
" " trimming willows,	4 50
A. J. Blanchard, laying pipe,	75
Bacon and Sweetser, repairing street signs,	5 00
J. B. Whitney, blacksmith,	18 00
Thomas R. Newhall, 1-2 expense of bridge over Saugus river,	37 70
David Perkins, repairs on Railroad bridge, Greenwood,	9 93
John M. Cate, as per pay roll for labor in sundry places,	25 25
Levi B. Eaton, bal. due in excess of allowance,	11 20
Henry Oliver, " " "	12 51
Maple Street appropriation, overdrawn,	10 00
Total amount expended,	$653 06
Balance of Appropriation drawn by James Oliver, Chairman of Board of Seleetmen, and now held by him,	146 94
	$8,000 00

CENTRE DISTRICT,—JOHN M. CATE, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor, . .	$650 00
Received from sale of soil, etc., . . .	25 48
Total receipts, ...	$675 48

Expended as follows:

Paid John M. Cate, Surveyor, self and team, for labor on highway, ...	$158 24
Sundry individuals as per pay roll, for labor on the highway, ...	472 14
John M. Cate, breaking snow, . .	15 26
Andrew Young, " " . .	6 38
George W. Aborn, drain pipe and material,	46 74
H. L. Haskell, snow plows, . . .	8 14
" " labor on drain, . .	2 50
F. G. Coker, " " . . .	2 50
J. F. McNelly, blacksmith, . . .	1 23
J. N. Eames, " . . .	6 90
James Westgate, material, . . .	2 08
For sundries, ...	1 20
Total, ...	$723 31
Balance in excess of receipts, and now due J. M. Cate, Surveyor, ...	47 83
	$675 48

NORTH DISTRICT.—B. F. SHEDD, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor, . .	$350 00
Received from sale of soil, ...	1 00
Total receipts, ...	351 00

Expended as follows:

Paid B. F. Shedd, Surveyor, self and team, for labor on highway,	$107 91
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor on highway,	212 12
B. F. Shedd and others for breaking snow,	11 11
Sundry individuals for gravel,	24 46
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe,	2 59
J. N. Eames, blacksmith,	1 15
	$359 34
Balance in excess of receipts, and now due, B. F. Shedd, Surveyor,	8 34
	$351 00

SOUTH DISTRICT.—L. B. EATON, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor,	$400 00
Received from sale of soil, etc.,	13 00
Additional allowance drawn from Highway reserve,	11 20
Total Receipts,	$424 20

Expended as follows:

Paid L. B. Eaton, Surveyor, for self, man and team, for labor on highway,	$184 70
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor on highway,	187 85
L. B. Eaton and others, for breaking snow,	6 00
Sundry individuals for gravel,	38 60
J. J. Mansfield, use of scraper,	2 00
J. N. Eames, blacksmith,	5 05
	$424 20

EAST DISTRICT.—J. J. MANSFIELD, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor,	$375 00

Expended as follows:

Paid J. J. Mansfield, Surveyor, self, man and team, for labor on highway, . .	$143 33
Sundry individuals, as per pay rolls, for labor on highway, ...	150 83
Sundry individuals for gravel, . . .	16 18
" " " lumber, . .	19 26
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .	16 68
Cutler Bros., tools, ...	6 55
Geo. Packard, repairs on snow plow, .	2 62
J. B. Whitney, " " " .	1 00
J. J. Mansfield, use of scraper, . .	2 00
N. H. Dow, blasting, ...	2 50
Total expended, . . .	$360 95
Balance now in hands of J. J. Mansfield, Surveyor,	14 05
	$375 00

NOTE.—The cost of breaking snow in this district was probably $5.85, although not specified on pay roll.

WEST DISTRICT.—JOHN A. TYLER, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor, .	$600 00

Expended as follows:

Paid John A. Tyler, Surveyor, self and team for labor on highway, as per pay roll, .	$ 80 65
Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor on highway, ...	431 10
Geo. W. Aborn, men and teams for breaking snow, ...	20 50
D. S. Fairbanks, removing snow, . .	6 90
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .	15 76
" " labor and use of men and teams, ...	3 80
Amount carried forward,	$558 71

Amounts brought forward, ...	$558 71
S. F. Littlefield & Co., tools, . . .	3 60
James Westgate, lumber, . . .	3 63
For covering stone and labor, . . .	8 80
J. N. Eames, blacksmith, . . .	30
P. J. Reagan, watching bridge, . .	11 75
Total amount expended, . .	$586 79
Balance unexpended, now in hands of John A. Tyler, Surveyor, ...	13 21
	$600 00

The figures above for labor on the highway, are taken from the *totals* of Mr. Tyler's pay rolls, which are in such condition that we are unable to vouch for their correctness at the time necessary to pass this report into the hands of the printer, but will be adjusted later.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—HENRY N. OLIVER, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor, .	$ 275 00
Additional allowance from highway reserve, .	12 51
Total, ...	$287 21

Expended as follows:

Paid Henry N. Oliver, Surveyor, for self and teams, labor on highway, . . .	100 75
Sundry individuals as per pay roll, . .	140 75
B. W. Oliver, for snow plow, . . .	6 85
M. Phillips, for gravel, ...	15 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., tools, . . .	5 30
J. J. Mansfield, use of scraper, . .	2 00
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .	14 96
J. B. Whitney, blacksmith, . . .	1 90
Total	287 51

NOTE,—The prices paid for labor in the various districts were: Centre District, Surveyor, $2.00 per day; laborers, $1.50 per day. Other Districts, Surveyors, $1.75 per day; laborers, $1.50 per day; teams, $1.50 per day.

IMPROVEMENTS ON PARK EXTENSION.

Appropriation authorized,	$ 100 00
Proceeds from sale of grass,	49 25
Total,	$149 25

Expended as follows, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen:

Paid John Cuff, labor,	$ 15 00
N. H. Dow, labor on drains,	39 50
John M. Cate, for loam,	21 00
" " " stone,	9 00
" " labor on drain,	75
" " as per pay roll, for self and others for labor,	64 51
Total,	$149 76
Amount overdrawn,	51
	$149 25

AUBURN STREET APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation authorized,	$200 00
Paid Geo. W. Aborn as per contract, for building said street,	200 00

MAPLE STREET APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation authorized,	$125 00
Paid Geo. W. Aborn, as per contract, for building said street,	135 00
Amount overdrawn, taken from Highway reserve,	$10 00

BRYANT STREET APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$200 00
Received from sale of gravel, loam, stones, etc.	14 85
Total, ...	$214 85

Expended as follows, under the direction of J. M. Cate, Surveyor for Centre District,

Paid Sundry individuals as per pay rolls, for labor, ...	$185 99
For 64 loads gravel at 6 cents, . . .	9 84
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .	14 35
Repairing fence, ...	2 55
Lumber and repairs, ...	2 12
Total, ...	$214 85

RESERVOIR COR. CHESTNUT AND EMERSON STREETS.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$400 00

Expended as follows:

Paid N. H. Dow for building reservoir as per contract, ...	$223 00
C. H. Davis, services on reservoir, . .	8 00
J. & S. Winship, cover, ...	3 50
I. A. Parsons, repairs, ...	50
Total expended, . . .	235 00
Balance unexpended, . .	165 00
	$400 00

REPAIRS CORNER CRESCENT AND EATON STREETS.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$50 00
Paid James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of Board of Selectmen, and now held by him, to complete the repairs, ...	$50 00

INJUNCTION EXPENSES, C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE CO.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$200 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid E. A. Upton's bill, ...	91 38
S. K. Hamilton's bill, ...	25 50
I. Stowell, T. Hickey, W. H. Gould, for cash advanced for witness fees, . .	7 50
Total, ...	$124 38
Balance unexpended, . .	75 62
	$200 00

CLAIM OF SUMNER WESTON.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$125 00
Paid Sumner Weston in full of all demands for injuries received by a fall on West Water Street, in February, 1879, . . .	125 00

EXPENSES OF FISH COMMITTEE.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$50 00
Balance in hands of committee as per last years report, ...	10 13
Additional allowance by Selectmen, taken from miscellaneous funds, ...	12 74
Total, ...	$72 87

Expended as follows:

Paid T. Gould, services, ...	$19 50
O. I. Stowell, "	16 50
S. Parker, Jr., "	8 00
G. H. Sweetser, horse hire, . . .	4 50
J. &. S. Winship, Jr., damages to team, .	10 87
A. A. Scott, " " " .	10 00
Lanterns, nets, etc., ...	3 50
Total, ...	72 87

RODNEY EDMAND'S CLAIM.

Cash balance in hands of James Oliver, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, as per report of last year, ...	$250 00

Expended as follows by vote of the town:

Paid Rodney Edmands for Bounty, . .	$100 00
" " " interest on same from Jan. 1, 1864 to April 10, 1879, 15 years, 3 1-3 mos at 6 per cent. . . .	92 18
Total, ...	$192 18
Unexpended balance returned to Town Treasurer, ...	57 82
	$250 00

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT.

Tax of 1876.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$36 25
Received as interest,		6 92
		$43 17
Paid Town Treasurer,	$37 94	
Abated by Assessors,	5 23	$43 17

Tax of 1877.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$4,082 30
Received as interest,		501 85
		$4,584 15
Paid Town Treasurer,	$4,024 78	
Abated by Assessors,	559 37	$4,584 15

Tax of 1878.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$9,393 69
Received as interest,		275 71
		$9,669 40
Paid Town Treasurer,	$5,071 23	
Abated by Assessors,	100 26	
Discounts allowed,	6 10	$5,177 59
Balance uncollected,		$4,491 81

Tax of 1879.

Total amount assessed,		$45,598 74
Received as interest,		11 63
		$45,610 37
Paid Town Treasurer,	$35,244 89	
Abated by Assessors,	580 69	
Discounts allowed,	1,303 14	$37,128 72
Balance uncollected,		$8,481 65

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector.*

MARCH 1, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES F. EMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

DR.

To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1879,	$2,383	57
hired on town notes, . . .	20,000	00
release of tax deeds, . . .	637	93
interest received on tax deeds, .	105	70
" " loans and deposits,	122	86
Richard Britton, collector, 1876, .	37	94
" " " 1877, .	4,024	78
" " " 1878, .	5,071	23
" " " 1879, .	35,244	89
sale of Town History, . . .	17	00
Selectmen, error of bills, . . .	10	43
School Committee, " . . .		36
C. F. Hartshorne, Auctioneer License, .	2	00
Daniel Norcross, " " .	2	00
Francis Williams, " " .	2	00
W. G. Skinner, " " .	2	00
Selectmen unexpended appropriation for Rodney Edmands settlement	57	82
income from Town Hall, . . .	518	83
sale of common grass, . . .	49	25
First District Court on account of fines,	12	50
Selectmen, balance unexpended appropriation Park extension, . .	4	78
County Treasurer, account of dog tax, .	234	84
State Treasurer, Corporation tax, .	1,483	11
" " pauper account, .	169	20
" " National Bank tax, .	842	88
" " State Aid, . .	1,800	00
" " relief of Indigent soldiers,	998	08
" " Armory rent, . .	300	00
" " School fund, . .	191	42
O. V. Waterman, as surplus above tax and expense on lot No. 150, Ice Co. plan, paid to him as Collector by G. W. Aborn, May 24, 1877, . .	12	10
	$74,339	50

CR.

By cash paid Town orders,	$30,500	95
Principal on loan,	26,000	00
interest "	5,704	98
" on Flint memorial fund to Trustees Town Library,	60	00
for release deeds,	9	00
Richard Britton, collector, for tax titles	232	86
for register of deeds,	8	25
for advertisement for loan proposals,	2	00
Overseers of Poor, amount received from State pauper account,	169	20
State Aid account,	2,278	25
Saugus tax,	4	31
State Tax,	1,270	00
" Bank tax,	792	14
for adver't auction sale tax titles,	11	75
County tax,	1,834	80
School Com. State School fund,	191	42
for examination of tax titles, and notices of auction sale,	26	00
Auctioneer services,	2	00
Balance cash in Treasury,	5,241	59
	$74,339	50

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1879,	$94,600	00
since hired by Treasurer,	20,000	00
	$114,600	00
Amount paid since March 5, 1879,	26,000	00
Total loans,	$88,600	00

Loans are now held March 5, 1880, as follows:

W. H. Parker, due April 23, 1880,	5,000 00
Charles Bancroft Estate, due Oct. 10, 1880,	7,500 00
James Bancroft, due, Oct. 10, 1880,	3,750 00
Mary A. Murray, due Oct. 10, 1880,	3,750 00
State Treasurer, due May 20, 1881,	19,600 00
Bonds to Bearer, $1,000 each, due June 1, 1881,	19,000 00
" " " " May 1, 1882,	30,000 00
Total,	$88,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes and Bonds bearing interest, March 5, 1880, .	$88,600 00	
Due on State Aid Pension account,	115 00	
Outstanding town orders of 1878,	20 65	
" " " 1879,	206 71	
Accrued interest on Notes and Bonds to this date, March 5, 1880, ...	1,591 34	
Total liabilities, . .		$90,533 70
Cash balance in Treasury, . .	5,241 59	
Due from State on account of State aid as per return, Dec. 31, '79, .	2,226 75	
On Military Aid account, . .	166 00	
Tax deeds held by Treasurer, .	652 22	
Due on Tax List, 1878, . .	4,491 81	
" " 1879, . .	8,481 65	
Total assets, ...		$21,260 02
Net debt, ...		$69,273 68
Net debt as per report last year,	$76,343 47	
" " this year,	69,273 68	
Decrease since 1879 report,	$7,069 79	

STATE AID.

Amount allowed to various individuals for the year ending March 1, 1880, ...	$2,308 25	
Balance due and unpaid M'ch 1, '79,	85 00	
		$2,393 25
The Treas. has paid of above amount,	2,278 25	
Due various individuals, unpaid to March 1, 1880, . . .	115 00	
		$2,393 25

The amounts which have been paid to each person appear in the following statement.

Jas. E. Abbott,	78 00	Sarah S. Mason,	44 00
Israel F. Barnes,	4 50	Elizabeth Moses,	44 00
Elizabeth Bateman,	56 00	James Oliver,	24 00
W. W. Bessey,	72 00	Johanna Orpin,	16 00
Mary V. Brown,	44 00	Esther S. Parker,	52 00
E. C. Bryant, Guardian for W. C. Bryant,	120 00	William D. Parker,	72 00
Augusta M. Chandler,	44 00	Lucy Poland,	48 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	44 00	Joseph H. Richardson,	18 00
Thomas W. Coombs,	72 00	Julia A. Ross,	48 00
Adah E. Cowdrey,	44 00	John S. Sargent,	20 00
John Davis,	96 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
Rodney Edmands,	78 00	George W. Townsend,	130 00
Alexander Flanders,	40 00	Thomas Twisden, Jr.,	42 00
O. N. Gammons,	31 50	James Weary,	37 50
Micah Heath,	96 00	G. N. Whiting,	72 00
Henry D. Hoyt,	20 25	Geo. H. Wiley,	72 00
Needham C. Hunter,	54 00	John Wiley, 2d,	66 00
Joseph L. Hurd,	54 00	Albert Wiley,	36 00
George H. Jackson,	19 50	Hiram Woodis,	96 00
Patrick Lanergan,	33 00	Nathaniel H. Wright,	24 00
Lucinda Locke,	48 00	Total,	$2,278 25

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

	Tax.	Date of Deeds.	
Geo. Kempton,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	$7 06
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	18 78
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	99 16
A. J. Perham & W. W. Bessey,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	27 15
J. M. Piper,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	8 15
William Burditt,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	4 54
William Burditt,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	21 30
John Stevens,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	27 37
Daniel C. Murphy,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	34 29
Daniel Sharp,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	58 21
Thos. Lord,	1876,	Jan. 6, 1879,	94 64
Thos. Lord,	1876,	Jan. 6, 1879,	18 71
J. W. Dearborn,	1877,	June 28, 1879,	8 23
J. W. Dearborn,	1877,	June 28, 1879,	8 23
Daniel C. Murphy,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	32 05
William Brown Estate,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 00
Thos. Lord,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	83 90
Thos. Lord,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	16 15
Daniel Sharp,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	54 19
James M. Piper,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	7 85
W. W. Bessey,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 86
Geo. A. Putney,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 70
Geo. A. Putney,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 70
			$652 22

The first four of the above named, were advertised and put up at auction sale, but they remain unsold.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year ending March 1st., 1880.

EXPENSES AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

GROCERIES.

Paid Cutler Brothers,	$486 64		
E. W. Eaton,	192 55		
W. L. Griffin,	130 12		
		$809	31

BUTTER.

Paid J. W. Dean,		$ 9	41

GRAIN.

Paid W. L. Griffin,	$222 20		
E. W. Eaton	76 74		
		$298	94

PROVISIONS.

Paid W. D. Deadman,	$427 50		
J. W. Jenkins,	6 58		
		$434	08
Amount carried forward,		$1,551	74

Amount brought forward,		$1,551 74

FRESH FISH.

Paid E. Butler,	$ 1 12	
W. H. Godfrey,	35 43	
		$ 36 55

BREAD AND CRACKERS.

Paid J. A. Dill,		$ 50 51

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Paid J. Martin,	$ 33 84	
C. Patch,	95 02	
W. M. Stocker,	54 42	
D. Hurley,	15 00	
E. G. Daland,	80	
		$199 08

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Paid Richard Britton,		$ 57 05

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

Paid H. A. Hartley,	$ 34 92	
E. Williams,	2 50	
C. B. Deming,	8 88	
Corse & Woodbury,	6 03	
S. F. Littlefield,	90 26	
		$142 59

COAL.

Paid G. W. Aborn,	$ 34 00	
J. J. Mansfield,	151 00	
		$185 00

PHYSICIANS' SERVICES AND MEDICINE.

Paid Dr. C. H. Magoon,	$ 1 50	
S. W. Abbott,	3 75	
Amounts carried forward,	$5 25	$2,222 52

Amounts brought forward, . .	$ 5 25	$2,222 52
J. D. Mansfield, . .	59 05	
C. Jordan, . . .	22 50	
W. J. Howland, . .	11 75	
		$98 55

BURIAL EXPENSES.

Paid Oliver Walton, ...	$ 20 00

NURSING.

Paid for nursing, ...	$ 80 00

SUNDRIES.

Paid J. O'Connell, for pigs, . .	$ 9 00	
J. W. Jenkins, " . .	21 00	
P.O. Box and newspapers, .	12 65	
J. Blunt, blacksmithing, .	29 66	
Doane & Greenough, acc't books,	2 00	
A. E. Judkins, white washing,	5 00	
G. H. Teague, painting, . .	136 94	
" repairs on buildings,	25 21	
Z. F. Fairbanks, " " .	2 70	
J. Westgate, lumber, . .	12 84	
P. P. Hone, salt grass, . .	22 50	
W. Sweeney, labor, . .	21 75	
T. Longfellow, " . .	2 50	
H. Lewis, " . .	71 50	
S. Froton, ", . .	7 50	
B. Oliver, " . .	3 50	
L. Devine, " . .	6 00	
T. Reagan, " . .	30 00	
J. N. Thomas, " . .	6 50	
H. Oliver, " . .	18 00	
P. O. Masse, repairs on harness,	3 25	
J. G. Morrill, ice, . . .	18 00	
Amounts carried forward, . .	$468 02	$2,421 07

Amounts brought forward, . .	$468 02	$2,421 07
Parker & Gannett, garden seed,	60	
H. Oliver, repairs on cultivator,	40	
Cash to inmates, . . .	3 95	
E. Slocomb's expense in Boston,	1 95	
M. Phillips one bbl. of apples,	2 50	
" tomato plants, .	1 75	
G. Remick, pasturing cattle, .	8 00	
Winship Bros., wheelwrights,	52 79	
Smith & Co., school books, .	3 81	
E. E. Lee, " " .	4 45	
Sundries, ...	2 25	
Joseph Tuttle, keeper for the year ending April 1, 1880, . .	350 00	900 47
Total expenses at the Almshouse,		$3,321 54

RECEIPTS.

Received of Joseph Hawkes, board,	$156 00	
Miss Sadie Haskell, "	48 00	
Freeby children, "	7 00	
School teachers, "	56 90	
for milk, . . .	104 23	
produce, . . .	65 83	
wood, . . .	13 00	
hay, . . .	44 48	
stock, . . .	26 00	
apples, . . .	4 00	
pork, . . .	1 60	
old junk, . . .	2 39	
care of school-house, .	40 00	
Total receipts, . . .		$569 43
Net expenses at the Almshouse,		$2,752 11

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to	Mrs. M. Bladden,	9 35	
	Mrs. C. C. L. Butler,	163 29	
	Mrs. J. Carey,	37 84	
	Peter Connell,	22 00	
	Wm. Denehey,	5 00	
	Patrick Devine,	20 00	
	Martin Donahoe,	10 05	
	Barnard Derby,	92 00	
	S. Emmons,	8 00	
	Wm. Feehen's child,	48 28	
	J. Kapelin,	6 00	
	Mrs. Jane Kelley,	49 60	
	T. Haggerty,	5 00	
	Samuel Mayo,	16 00	
	J. McLaughlin,	4 00	
	J. McMahan,	118 00	
	C. McDougal,	293 14	
	J. W. Madden,	39 50	
	Dennis O'Connell,	20 50	
	James Palkerton,	2 00	
	Mrs. J. Sweetser,	78 00	
	D. Shanahan,	37 30	
	Wm. Sweeney,	35 90	
	P. Western,	100 00	
	G. W. Wilder,	62 25	
	Total,		$1,283 00

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Paid for	Mrs. M. Cullen,	$ 10 00	
	W. Feehen's child,	20 00	
	C. McDougal,	22 25	
	C. Molyneux,	9 00	
Amounts carried forward,		$61 25	$1,283 00

Amounts brought forward, . . .	61 25	$1,283 00
P. O. Massey, . .	27 00	
		$ 88 25

INSANE ASYLUM.

For Mary E. Adams,	at Taunton,	$182 31	
G. W. Clark,	" Danvers,	144 84	
Hannah C. Flynn,	" "	163 71	
Francis Hawkes,	" "	128 68	
Ann McClary,	" "	46 29	
J. O. Boswell,	" Worcester,	165 46	
Mary E. Osborne,	" "	183 83	
Nelson Sweetser,	" "	177 91	
Interest on bills, . . .		1 38	
Certificate, Jas. Kelley, . .		2 00	
			$1,196 41

RELIEF FOR PERSONS OUT OF TOWN WHO HAVE A SETTLEMENT IN WAKEFIELD.

Mrs. M. Cullen, Lawrence, . .	$ 53 00	
Patrick Farrington, Winchester, .	107 24	
Albert Heath, Worcester, . .	5 90	
Mrs. M. J. Leathe, Stoneham, .	29 63	
Mrs. M. Nichols, Boston, . .	6 00	
Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Reading, .	100 00	
Mrs. Ann Spencer, Boston, . .	3 90	
Patrick Welch, Lowell . . .	75 35	
Henry Williams, Saugus, . .	31 09	
B. I. Wiley, " . .	26 80	
H. E. Wilson, Revere, . .	12 70	
Moses Barnes, Northbridge, . .	25 00	
Walter Linwood, Marblehead, .	19 50	
		$496 11

Amount carried forward, . . .	$3,063 77

Amount brought forward . . .			$3,063 77

RELIEF OF PERSONS RESIDING IN THIS TOWN WHO HAVE A SETTLEMENT IN OTHER PLACES.

W. H. Batchelder, Salem, . .		$ 13 65	
J. Cunningham, Stoneham, . .		8 55	
J. T. B. Hall, Saugus, . . .		45 35	
Mrs. E. M. Stott, Saugus, . .		17 75	
J. McAvoy, Taunton, . . .		6 00	
Mrs. R. L. Stickney, Lexington, .		40 00	
Mrs. E. Stafford, Lynnfield, .		8 00	
Peter Casey,	State, .	8 00	
M. Courtney,	" .	2 00	
J. Develin,	" .	6 75	
B. Freeby,	" .	16 00	
J. Haggarty,	" .	6 00	
John Kelly,	" .	11 50	
C. Molyneux,	" .	10 94	
P. O. Massey,	" .	88 57	
T. Mitchell,	" .	4 85	
Maggie McCauley,	" .	5 00	
Mrs. Mary Reagan,	" .	5 50	
Mrs. E. Stover,	" .	9 00	
Mrs. H. Thompson,	" .	3 65	
Caroline Winman,	" .	5 00	
			$322 06

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing, ...		2 00	
Tramps, ...		2 10	
Expenses of Overseers, . .		32 54	
			$36 64
Total expense away from the Almshouse, *Carried forward*, ...			$3,422 47

Amount brought forward, . . $3,422 47

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd from Boston, V. H. Osborne,	$ 91 38	
Lexington, R. L. Stickney,	40 00	
Saugus, J. T. B. Hall,	43 35	
" Mrs. E. M. Stott,	17 75	
State, Peter Casey,	8 00	
" Wm. Courtney,	2 00	
" J. Develin, .	6 75	
" B. Freeby, .	16 00	
" John Kelly, .	11 50	
" T. Mitchell, .	4 85	
" Maggie McCauley,	15 00	
" Mary Reagan, .	5 50	
" Mrs. E. Stover,	9 00	
" Mrs. H. Thompson,	3 75	
" Mrs. C. Winman,	5 00	
Stoneham, John Cunningham,	5 15	
Wakefield, Francis Hawkes,	43 13	
By overpayment, . .	5 00	
Total, ...		$333 11
Net expense away from Almshouse,		$3,089 36

Recapitulation.

Rec'd from former Board, . .	$ 86 76	
Andover, Matilda Rollins, 1878–'79	22 00	
Lexington, R. L. Stickney, "	3 75	
N. Reading, N. Hunter, "	2 50	
Salem, W. H. Batchelder, "	3 50	
State, G. Ardell, "	38 80	
" Wm. Courtney, "	10 50	
" M. Connell, "	4 00	
Amount carried forward,	$171 81	

Amount brought forward,		$171 81	
State J. Develin,	'78, '79,	26 80	
" B. Freeby,	"	50 00	
" J. Haggarty,	"	28 00	
" J. Mertins,	"	17 00	
" T. Mitchell,	"	17 85	
" J. H. Morrison,	"	8 00	
" J. M. Morrison,	"	16 00	
" Mary Reagan,	"	1 75	
" R. Reynolds,	"	16 00	
" Hannah Thompson,	"	2 00	
Stoneham, J. Cunningham,	"	20 00	
Received from Town Treasurer,		5,500 00	
			$5,875 21
Net expense at the Almshouse,		$2,752 11	
" away from "		3,089 36	
			$5,841 47
Cash in hands of Overseers,			$33 74

NOTE. $169 20 of the amount received from the State came through the Town Treasurer.

Whole number of inmates,	22	
Average, " "	17	1-2
Present " "	10	
Tramps relieved,	1,203	

THERE IS NOW DUE FROM THE STATE AND TOWNS.

For J. Cunningham, Stoneham,	$ 3	40
W. H. Batchelder, Salem,	13	65
John Haggarty, State,	6	00
J. T. B. Hall, Saugus,	2	00
Francis Hawkes, Wakefield,	85	55
Paul O. Massey, State,	115	57
Amount carried forward,	$226	17

Amount brought forward,	$226 17	
Chas. Molyneux, " . .	19 94	
James McAvoy, Taunton, .	6 00	
Mrs. E. Stafford, Lynnfield, .	8 00	
		$260 11

Unpaid bills against the town March 1, 1880, about $75 00

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Stock, ...	$520 00	
Hay, ...	175 00	
Farming tools, . . .	586 75	
Household furniture, . .	490 35	
Provisions, ...	141 32	
Grain, ...	21 50	
Miscellaneous, . . .	224 00	
Total, ...		$2,158 92

In conclusion, there is the sum of $115.57 due the town from the State, on account of Paul O. Massey, on which there will be some discount.

The Overseers have been obliged to exceed their a ppropriation of $5000, because of an increase of $402.11 in the hospital bills; and because of one case of sickness which cost them $535.00.

Persons requiring help outside of the almshouse, have been less in number this year than last.

On the other hand, 1,203 tramps have been provided with lodgings, an increase of 183 over the preceding year, neces sitating a proportionate increase of expense.

The Overseers earnestly hope that the bill at present under contemplation, intended to check vagrancy in the State, may become a law.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) CYRUS N. WHITE,
S, F. LITTLEFIELD,
WM. H. ATWELL,
} Overseers of the Town of Wakefield.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The report of the Selectmen for the current municipal year, is herewith submitted.

NEW STREETS.

Auburn Street, running from Cedar to Emerson Streets, has been graded at an expense of two hundred and twenty and 65-100 dollars, and opened for public travel.

Maple Street, running from Lake to Foundry Street, has also been graded at an expense of one hundred and thirty-five dollars.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Complaint was made to this board in the early part of the year, that Broadway Street, at a point opposite the north-west corner of the lower lake, was being badly washed, and rendered unsafe for travel, by the waters of the lake. An inspection of the point named, proved the correctness of the complaint. A heavy wall was built nearly upon the southerly line of the street, while a strong railing, with iron posts let into the stone, secures safety to the public travel. The cost of the same, by contract, was eighty dollars, with eighteen dollars additional for the iron posts, making a total cost of ninety-eight dollars.

The bridge over the mill stream on Salem Street, at the line between Wakefield and Lynnfield, having become unsafe for travel, and the Commissioners of the two Counties having, for various reasons, declined to order the discontinuance of that part of the street, an arrangement was made with the Selectmen of Lynnfield for the rebuilding of the same. The

entire expense was seventy-five and 40-100 dollars, the proportion of the town of Wakefield (one-half) being thirty-seven and 70-100 dollars.

The railroad bridge at Greenwood (first repaired by the town in 1866) has been placed in a safe condition at an expense of nine and 93-100 dollars.

PARK EXTENSION.

An appropriation of one hundred dollars for the improvement of the Park was made by the town, to which was added the receipts from the sale of the grass, and the same was expended under the direction of Mr. Cate, the Highway Surveyor of the Centre District.

BRYANT STREET.

An appropriation of two hundred dollars was made for the improvement of this street, and this also was expended under the direction of Mr. Cate.

SIDEWALK ON CHURCH STREET.

Article 28 in the Warrant for the annual Town meeting, April 1879, relating to a sidewalk upon Church Street, was referred to the Selectmen. This sidewalk has been built by Mr. Cate, Highway Surveyor for the Centre District, at an expense of twenty-two and 75-100 dollars.

PERAMBULATION OF THE TOWN LINE.

The perambulation of the line between this town and Saugus, has been made during the year, and the certificates of the same deposited with the Town Clerk, thus completing the circuit of the town in the last three years.

SCREEN FOR TOWN HALL PLATFORM.

In this matter (Art. 18, Town Warrant, April meeting) the Selectmen were authorized to procure, and place, a screen for the improvement of the acoustic properties of the Town Hall, at an expense not exceeding forty dollars. This

sum was found wholly inadequate for the purpose named, and no action has been taken upon it.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

This matter (Art. 24, Town Warrant, April meeting) was referred to the Selectmen, but no case for their interposition having arisen, no action has been taken.

DISABLED SOLDIERS.

Under the law of 1879, Towns are authorized to raise money for the relief of soldiers disabled by disease contracted, or accidents incurred, since the war of the rebellion, and who, having their settlement in the town, would otherwise be obliged to apply to the Overseers of the Poor, for assistance. Under this law, thirteen applications have been made to this Board the past year, of which nine were allowed and four rejected. Of those assisted

2	receive	$14	a	month.
3	"	10		"
1	"	9		"
3	"	8		"

GUIDE BOARDS.

Street signs have been placed upon the completed streets, and upon several private ways, and we have no knowledge of any points where they are wanting.

TOWN HISTORY.

Eighteen copies of the town history have been sold the past year, being the balance of the entire edition.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) JAMES OLIVER,
JOHN S. EATON,
B. B. BURBANK,
Selectmen of Wakefield.

Wakefield, March 10, 1880.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

1879.

VALUATION OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

Stock in trade, . . .	$81,550 00	
Securities in the State, . .	12,000 00	
" out of " . .	3,300 00	
Money secured by mortgage,	172,850 00	
" unsecured " . .	6,000 00	
Resident Bank Stock, . .	46,230 00	
Marine Stock, . . .	9,500 00	
Income, ...	11,300 00	
Machinery, . . .	133,100 00	
Furniture, ...	5,100 00	
Carriages, (number, 197,) .	14,180 00	
Horses, (" 268,) .	21,020 00	
Cows, (" 251,) .	6,990 00	
Swine, (" 44,) .	380 00	
Total Personal, . .		$523 500 00

VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE.

Dwelling houses, (number, 1027)	$1,517,595 00	
Other buildings, (" 672,)	399,760 00	
Land, 3,734 acres,	1,075 535 00	
Total Real Estate, . .		$2,992,890 00
Total valuation, . .		$3,516,390 00

Value of Real Estate and Machinery owned by Corporations, . . .	$358,875 00
Value of Real Estate exempted by law from taxation, ...	$155,720 00

TAX STATEMENT, 1879.

Amount of State Tax, . .	$1,270 00	
" County " . .	1,834 80	
" Town Appropriations,	39,750 00	
Total, ...		$42,854 80

Assessed on		
Polls, (males, 1268, females, 33,)		
1301 at $2.00, . .	$2,602 00	
Personal Estate, . . .	5,715 24	
Bank Shares, (number 402,) .	554 76	
Real Estate, . . .	35,799 26	
		$44,671 26
Overlay, ...		$1,816 46
		$42,854 80

Rate of taxation, $12.00 per $1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) JAMES OLIVER, JOHN S. EATON, DAVID PERKINS, } *Assessors of Wakefield.*

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

We herewith submit our report of the Fire Department for the past year.

FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The Department consists of three Engineers and seventy-six members, divided as follows:

Yale Engine Co., 47 men.

Chemical Engine Co., 12 men.

Washington Hook and Ladder Co., 17 men.

Three Hose Carriages, with about 1,500 feet of hose in good condition.

The loss by fire the past year has been as follows:

April 1st., three buildings on Main Street, loss about $3,250.

Oct. 2nd., Smith & Anthony Foundry, loss about $125.

Jan. 27th, 1880, dwelling house on Railroad Street, loss about $375.

The Board would recommend that the Town take some action in regard to the town property belonging to the Fire Department in the east part of the town.

The committee appointed by the town, consisting of the Board of Engineers, for the purpose of building a Reservoir at the junction of Chestnut and Emerson Streets, have attended to their duty, and have caused a reservoir to be built at an expense of $235.00, which, in their opinion, will be sufficient for all fire purposes in that locality.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) CHARLES H. DAVIS,
S. F. LITTLEFIELD,
C. W. TROW,
Engineers of the town of Wakefield.

POLICE REPORT.

Whole number of arrests for the year ending March 1, 1880, was 48, as follows:

For Assault,	16
Drunkenness,	6
Larceny,	11
Selling liquor,	6
Stubborn and disobedient children,	2
Fishing,	2
Assault with a pistol,	1
Shooting birds,	1
Disturbing the peace,	1
Vagrancy,	1
Cruelty to animals,	1

Five insane persons have been committed to the hospital.

Eight tramps have been provided with lodgings by the police during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. DAVIS,

Chief of Police.

Report of the Fish Committee.

In submitting the fourth annual report, we have, as heretofore, the pleasure of extending our thanks to several friends who have gratuitously assisted us in the carrying out of the plans for the restocking of our inland waters with useful fish. Salmon have been brought from the State hatching-house at Winchester. A large number of Alewives were obtained at Saugus and placed in the lake, where, judging from former trials, they have done well, though it is not as clearly known when they left for the sea as in other seasons. This is not strange, as they are more likely to start by night than by day, and thus may have escaped the eyes of those who were looking for them. Mr. A. S. Wiley saw a large school of them in the lake during the autumn.

If the first which were hatched here, after an interval of about thirty years, made the passage of the Saugus and reached the sea in safety, it is but reasonable to expect their return, as adult fish, during the coming May. The right of way is open for them, and also the fish ways, in accordance with the decree of the highest court of the United States; and if not interfered with by a very weak minority of those who seem bound to oppose the wishes of a large majority of the people who really desire to see the experiment fully and fairly tried, the migratory fishes of various kinds will find their way up our streams to the headwaters, as surely as the summer birds find their way from winter quarters to our woods and fields again.

Returning to their ocean home in the fall months, the young fry, in countless thousands, furnish food through the winter to the useful and indispensible sea fishes, bringing the latter to our coasts to feed on the bounty sent down from our lakes and rivers to the Atlantic tide, rewarding "the toilers of the sea," and bringing wealth to the state and national coffers.

This is no myth, but an absolute fact, the result of careful observation and experiment, on the once exhausted rivers and lakes of Europe.

The mill-owners on the Saugus have now fully complied with the request of the State Fish Commissioners, putting in fish ways of the most approved pattern, up which the fish ascend to the ponds adjacent.

In some instances, mill-owners have felt that the decree of the Supreme Court was an act of injustice; but who had the first God-given right of way in all these waters but the hosts of migratory fishes? And, in keeping with Nature's grand plan, they only want their rights for a few weeks in the spring, and less time in the fall.

Cannot the manufacturer who has the whole power of a river to turn his wheels, year in and year out, afford water for a narrow fish way, and at a season when a thousand times as much water as the fish may require thunders to waste over the flush-boards of his dam! It would seem that he might compete successfully with the manufacturer who has no river at all, and depends wholly on the coal mines of distant Alleghanies for the motive power.

In closing, we can but express the hope that if the lake is opened in 1881, it will be deferred until July, instead of May, in order that the black bass shall have one more fall season on the spawning grounds, unmolested.

The thanks of the committee are certainly due our people, and especially our young men, for the faith which they have shown in our endeavors, and their patience in awaiting the results. There is no doubt but that the fish which have been

allowed to remain in the lake, are doing as well as might be expected under the circumstances.

And your committee would recommend an appropriation not exceeding twenty dollars, for any expenses which may possibly be incurred in looking after and protecting the interests of the fisheries.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

OSCAR I. STOWELL,
THOMAS GOULD,
SAM'L PARKER, JR.,
} *Fish Committee.*

REPORT

OF THE

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, MASS., March 10, 1880.

The Committee chosen by the town at the last annual meeting, to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated for the year commencing April, 1880, would respectfully present the following report, viz.:

We would respectfully recommend that appropriations be made as follows, viz.:

For Payment of Town Debt,	$5,000 00
Interest upon Town Debt,	6,000 00
Support of Schools,	11,500 00
School Contingent Expenses,	1,000 00
Painting School-houses,	500 00
Poor Department,	5,000 00
Fire Department,	2,000 00
Expenses of Street Lamps,	1,000 00
Town House Expenses,	1,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
Repairs of Sidewalks, to be expended where abuttors are willing to bear one-half of such expenses.	1,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers,	2,325 00
Miscellaneous Expenses (including Military Aid),	2,500 00
Beebe Town Library, the funds now in hands of the Town Treasurer from dog tax, and	300 00
Total,	$42,125 00

We recommend that the appropriation for Salaries of Town Officers be divided as follows, and that the Expenses of Officers, other than those enumerated below, be charged to the Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses.

For Town Treasurer, ...	$ 50 00
Town Clerk, ...	100 00
Board of Selectmen, ...	400 00
" Assessors, ...	350 00
" Overseers of Poor, . . .	150 00
" School Committee, . . .	200 00
" Fire Engineers, . . .	75 00
" Auditors, ...	100 00
Tax Collector, for collecting Tax Warrant of 1880, ...	400 00
Constables and Police Services, . . .	500 00
Total, ...	$2,325 00

We also recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1, 1880 be fixed at thirteen dollars, and a sum equal to the poll tax.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. S. GREENOUGH,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
WM. F. YOUNG,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
JAMES F. EMERSON,
JAMES OLIVER,
THOMAS J. SKINNER,
THEODORE E. BALCH,
JACOB C. HARTSHORNE,
LEVI B. EATON,
WM. H. ATWELL,
JAS. J. MANSFIELD,
A. W. BROWNELL,
JOSHUA WALTON.

Mr. Wm. Oliver, not having been present at any meeting of the committee, does not sign the report.

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1879.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Cartland, Charles Alfred	Male	January 5	John H. and Georgiana (Edgecombe)	Brush Manufacturer
2	Kelley, Julian	"	9	John J. and Nellie (Brown)	Grainer.
3	Munier, Joseph Louis	"	9	John B. and Celia (Neis)	Rattan Worker.
4	Drown, Frank Benjamin	"	9	Osborne E. and Elizabeth M. (Deacon)	Carpenter.
5	Sweeney, Daniel	"	13	William and Annie (Mulrey)	Laborer.
6	Cameron, Mattie Ella	Female	16	James and Matilda (Lenfest)	Teamster.
7	Hale, Edna Almira	"	18	Henry F. and Annie A. (Deacon)	Signal-man.
8	Spear, Blanche Berry	"	18	Ephraim W. and Martha (Grover)	Carriage Painter.
9	Mellen, Hattie	"	20	Andrew and Hattie (Neary)	Shoe-maker.
10	McMahan William	Male	20	James and Hannah (McCarty)	Shoe-maker.
11	Hicks, Thomas Edward	"	24	Thomas and Annie (Connell)	Coachman.
12	Russell, Amy, Eleanor	Female	27	Joseph W. add Annie C. (Eagan)	Machinist.
13	Mitchell, Minnie May	"	30	Willie R. and May F. (Smith)	Butcher.
14	Welsh, Thomas Joseph	Male	Feb. 10	Bartholomew and Kate (Quinn)	Blacksmith.
15	Hale, Walter Lewis	"	13	Warren and Amelia (Lewis)	Butcher.
16	McCormick, Mary Ellen	Female	13	Francis and Mary (Collins)	Iron-worker.
17	Coakley, George Sarsfield	Male	14	Michael and Annie (Curran)	Laborer.
18	Barrett, Margaret	Female	14	Richard and Margaret (Lynde)	Laborer.
19	Creagh, Henry James	Male	15	John and Hannah (Lloyd)	Rattan Worker.
20	March, Marguerite Stevens	Female	17	Frank H. and Emma S. (Parker)	Merchant.
21	Ruggles, Henry	Male	20	Henry S. and Mary E. (Ryan)	Book-keeper.
22	Deadman, Roy Sleeper	"	25	William D. and Jennie C. (Fiske)	Provision Dealer.
23	O'Connell, Catherine Frances	Female	March 8	Peter and Mary (Harrigan)	Laborer.
24	McMannus, Charles Edward	Male	10	John A. and Mary A. (Gallagher)	Paper Hanger.
25	Macauley, Harland Wirt	"	10	—— Margaret (Macauley)	——
26	Finney, Lester Alva	"	23	Lester K. and Carrie L. (Nickerson)	Salesman.
27	Butler, John Joseph	"	26	Patrick and Annie (Connell)	Laborer.
28	Hanson, Roberta	Female	28	Anthony Jr., and Annie L. (Ingalls)	Wire Worker.
29	McMahan, James Lowe	Male	29	Thomas and Bridget (Lowe)	Shoe-maker.
30	Mulligan, Jeremiah	"	April 1	Thomas and Maggie (Lyons)	Laborer.
31	Devlin, Edward	"	5	James and Annie (Comer)	Tailor.
32	De Roche, George	"	11	Henry and Katie (Barrett)	Chair-maker.
33	White, Edward Clifton	"	14	Ira E. and Sarah I. (Pearl)	Musician.
34	Shackford, Harry Porter	"	25	Warren M. and Celestia E. (Gridley)	Baggage-master.
35	Nye, Louie Allen	"	May 8	Edward B. and Mary B. (Allen)	Chair-maker.
36	Pike, Clarence Murray	"	12	Charles H. and K. Adelaide (Rollins)	Printer.
37	Haskell, Susan Annie	Female	12	—— Sadie (Haskell)	——
38	Downs, Miles Alexander	Male	16	Patrick and Kate L. (Atkinson)	Rattan Worker.

39	Doucett, Mary Eliza	Female	May.	22	John S. and Maggie (Froton)	Laborer.	
40	Lally, Kate Agnes	"		23	Thomas and Ann (Connors)	Rattan Worker.	
41	Pratt, Eva Jane	"		27	Thomas B. and Clara A. (Robie)	Trader.	
42	McCarty, Charles Henry	Male		2	Charles and Margaret P. (O'Riely)	Laborer.	
43	Woodward, Charles Alexander	"	June	1	Charles F. and Susan D. (Turnbull)	Shoe-Tool Manufact'r.	
44	McLain, George Archer	"		2	John and Alice J (Hurd)	Carpenter.	
45	Callahan, John James	"		13	John and Mary (Gibbons)	Laborer.	
46	Dalrymple, Harry Clayton	"		15	Horace W. and Julia A. (Mansfield)	Carpenter.	
47	Meloney, Edward	"		26	Michael and Mary (Nash)	Rattan Worker	
48	Sutherland, George Daniel	"		30	George D. and Jennie (Douglass)	Stove-fitter.	
49	Fisher, Ernest Daby	"	July	9	Everett A. and Jeanette (Wentworth)	Station Agent.	
50	Biggs, William Henry	"		10	William and Mary (Armour)	Rope-maker.	
51	Moulton, Hattie Ethel	Female		11	William J. and Lizzie B. (Cowden)	Mason.	
52	Rideout, Hattie E.	"		16	Henry M. and Addie P. (Wallace)	Bool-keeper.	
53	McNeill, Alice Frances	"		18	Henry and Helen (Wilder)	Chair-maker.	
54	Ricker, Frederic Briggs	Male		25	George E. and Hattie M. (Pierson)	Show-case Manufact'r.	
55	De Auguera, Herman K. Clifford	"		28	Eduardo and M. Augusta (Clifford)	Commercial Traveller.	
56	Sweetser, Ethel Marian	Female		28	Edward N. and Eugenie (Wheelock)	Shoe-maker.	
57	Burdett, John Winfred	Male	August	10	John B. and Lizzie F. (Weston)	Shoe-maker.	
58	Hawkes, Ida Alberta	Female		11	Wesley and Elizabeth (Howard)	Farmer.	
59	Abbott, Gracie May	"		14	Oceola H. and Flora H. (Parker)	Paper Hanger.	
60	Sullivan, Margaret Frances	"		21	Jeremiah and Hannah (Healey)	Shoe-maker.	
61	Abbott, Florence Winn	"		21	Samuel W. and Martha (Sullivan)	Physician.	
62	Dearborn, Stanley Allex	Male	Sept.	3	Stanley B. and Alice R. (Turnbull)	Printer.	
63	Froton, John	"		4	Simon and Fannie (Doucett)	Laborer.	
64	Sweetser, Irving Osborne	"		5	Alfred I. and Mary E. (Sampson)	Basket-maker.	
65	Pierce, Bradford Hendrick	"		9	George H. and Emeline G. (McCurdy)	Dentist.	
66	Hentz, Bessie Louise	Female		17	Frederick W. and Elizabeth A. (Linnell)	Expressman.	
67	Tyler, Lucius Abbott	Male		19	George L. and Lucy G. (Fairbanks)	Barber.	
68	Richardson, George Henry	"		21	Charles F. and Margaret I. (Reardon)	Photographer.	
69	Daniel, James Henry	"		23	William B. and Margaret J. (Armour)	Machinist.	
70	Penney, Anna Eliza	Female		28	Martin L. and Emma J. (Parker)	Farmer.	
71	Kirk, Jeanette	"		28	John and Jennie (Lyman)	Salesman.	
72	Ritchie, Rose Maude	"	Oct.	2	Albert M. and Rosa L. (West)	Moulder.	
73	Coffey, Eleanore	"		10	John V. and Bridget A. (Lynch)	Clerk.	
74	Abbott, Frank	Male		17	James E. and Jeanette (Gibson)	Veterinary Surgeon.	
75	Dunshee, Edmund Alson } Twins	"		25	Allen L. and Sarah M. (Austin)	Carpenter.	
76	Dunshee, Edgar Loring }	"		25	Allen L. and Sarah M. (Austin)	Carpenter.	
77	Abbott, Eugene Alexis	"	Nov.	3	Andrew A. and Lydia S. (Burns)	Merchant.	
78	Cutler, David Adelbert	"		6	David C. and Stella A. (Mead)	Grocer.	
79	Graham, Frederic	"		7	Daniel and Mary A. (Cochran)	Rattan Worker.	
80	Malcolm, Alexander William	"		10	John M. and Jane Duncanson	Flagman.	
81	Frost, Edith Caroline	Female		11	William H. and Mary L. (Wright)	Painter.	
82	Preston, Elizabeth	"		11	Joseph and Mary (McDonald)	Shoe-maker.	
83	Ingham, William	Male		12	James C. and Mary B. (Partelow)	Machinist.	
84	Norwood, Arthur Nye	"		16	Joseph M. and Emma (Elliott)	Stage Driver.	

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1879 (Concluded).

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
85	Darroch, Marion	Female	Nov. 22	John and Mary (McGlynn)	Clerk.
86	Goodwin, Bessie Damaris	"	25	Charles Q. and Mary A. (Wiley)	Physician.
87	Upham, Gracie Maria	"	25	Thomas and Vastie (Woodis)	Carpenter.
88	Hennessey, James Edward	Male	25	James and Isabel (Grady)	Weaver.
89	Stubbs, Charles Alexander	"	Dec. 16	Alexander A. and Lucy M. (Teel)	Seaman.
90	Keefe, Fannie	Female	31	Patrick and Joanna (Desmond)	Rattan-worker.

Births in 1878 *not previously registered.*

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Malcolm, Jemima Victoria	Female	January 16	John and Jane (Langduncanson)	Gate-tender.
2	Abbott, Daniel Webster	Male	April 11	Osceola H. and Flora H. [Parker]	Paper-Hanger.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1879.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Jan. 1	Moody, George J.....	27	Augusta, Me	Lawyer	Warren, Me ..	Elizah and Amanda F.....	First....	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Young, Lizzie E	23	Wakefield		Pittston, Me....	Wesley and Etta.....	"	Wakefield.
26	Barrett, Willie A.....	25	Wakefield	Engineer	Melrose.....	James and Sarah.	First....	Rev. J. H. Haines.
	Hale, Emma W.....	24	Exeter, N. H.		Exeter, N.H....	John and Maria.....	"	Exeter, N.H.
8	Putnam, Asa P.....	25	Boston	R. R. Fire-	Beverly	Asa T. and Mary E.....	First....	Rev. O. T. Walker,
	Russell, Emily.....	23	Wakefield	man	Lynnfield	Levi S. and Hannah.....	"	Boston.
22	Smith, Elisha N.....	24	Wakefield	Moulder....	Orrington, Me..	William W. and Lizzie J.....	First....	Rev. R. R. Riddell.
	Shaw, Emma A.....	20	Stoneham.....		Stoneham	George F. and Sarah J.....	"	Wakefield.
Feb. 6	McDermott, John.....	31	Everett.....	Farmer.....	Ireland.....	Matthew and Mary.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flat'ey,
	Dorsey, Maggie.....	27	Wakefield		Boston	Thomas and Bridget.....	"	Wakefield.
8	Emerson, George D...	28	Wakefield	Shoe-cutter	Wakefield	Thomas and Emily M.....	Second..	Rev. E. Frank Howe,
	Varney, Emma H.....	21	"		Richmond, Va..	James and Mary.....	First....	Newtonville.
8	Williams, Charles F...	24	Lynn.....	Steam gas-	Lynn.....	Seth H. and Abbie S.....	First....	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Stickney, Jessie I.....	18	Peabody.....	fitter	Peabody	Randolph D. and Lydia.....	"	Wakefield.
15	Collins, John.....	26	Wakefield	Laborer....	Ireland.....	Thomas W. and Mary.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Reagan, Catherine....	25	"		Ireland.....	Patrick and Bridget..	"	Wakefield.
20	Foster, William M....	26	Wakefield	Machinist ..	Yorkshire, Eng.	Thomas and Mary.....	First....	Rev. J. M. Green,
	Wilson, Mary E.....	24	Lowell.....		Lowell	Thomas and Elizabeth.....	"	Lowell.
Mar. 15	Parsons, Charles W...	23	Wakefield	Moulde	Norway, Me....	William A. and Annette E.....	First....	Rev. C. W. Wilder.
	Annis, Rose E.....	23	Stoneham.....		Sheffield, Vt....	Perley and Rosella E.....	"	Stoneham.
23	Swain, John P...[ton	53	Wakefield	Shoe-ma kr	Andover	John and Amelia.....	Third...	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Warhurst, Susan [Ful-	42	"		England.....	Hugh and Margaret.....	Second .	Wakefield.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1879.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
April 3	Savage William F.....	23	Wakefield ...	Moulder....	Milford, N. H..	Joseph G. and Harriet N.....	First....	Rev. R. R Riddell,
	Brown, Augusta A....	21	Stoneham		Stoneham	Samuel R. and Martha W.....	"	Wakefield.
4	Buzzell, John.....	65	Lynn.....	Stone-mason	Parsonsfield, Me	Andrew and Sally.....	Second .	Rev. Quincy Whitney,
	Tuttle, Nancy.....	67	"		Reading.....	John and Susan.....	"	Wakefield.
15	Ramsdell, George E...	21	Lynnfield	Shoe-maker.	Lynnfield.....	George O. and Charlotte.....	First....	Rev. R. R. Riddell,
	Greenwood, Ada T....	19	Boston.....		Ipswich.....	Thomas and Sarah E.....	"	Wakefield.
23	Grant, R. Rollo.....	36	Sandusky, O.	Conductor..	Conneaut, O....	Solomon W. and Lucinda.....	First....	Rev. Quincy Whitney,
	Baker, Annie Louise..	29	Wakefield....		Boston.....	John K. L and Cordelia R.....	"	Wakefield.
May 20	Bayrd, Charles L.....	23	Wakefield....	Music-Teacher.	Wakefield	Charles L. and Harriet O.....	First....	Rev. John H. Williams,
	Snow, Martha B.....	18	Marblehead..		Marblehead...	Edward and Malintha.....	"	Marblehead.
29	Cutter, Amos F.....	22	Wakefield....	Needle-Maker.	Charlestown. ..	Isaac S. and Martha A..... ...	First....	Rev. E. H. McKenney,
	Oliver, Lucy J.....	22	"		Wakefield	Benjamin W. and Lucy C...	"	Saugus Centre.
June 1	Murphy, John.....	25	Haverhill.....	Shoe-maker.	Haverhill.....	Timothy and Ellen.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Donnelly, Margaret...	21	Wakefield....		Reading.....	John and Mary Ann.....	"	Wakefield.
16	Preston, John A.....	25	Revere.....	Clerk	Wakefield	William B. and Rose.....	First....	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Chapman, Mary Ida..	19	Wakefield....		"	Amos W. and Mary M.....	"	Wakefield.
17	Kenney, Henry M.....	22	Wakefield....	Laborer	Wakefield	Patrick and Mary.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Donnelly, Mary A.....	20	"		Reading.....	John and Mary Ann.....	"	Wakefield,
20	Ball, Chades D.....	37	Haverhill	Agent	Amherst, N. H..	John and Jerusha.....	Second .	Rev. R. R. Riddell,
	Wheelock, Amanda...	22	Wakefield. ..		Nova Scotia....	Dean W. and Cynthia.....	First....	Wakefield.
29	Gyman, Patrick.....	26	Newton	Coachman..	Ireland.....	Thomas and Ellen	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Fineran, Mary A.....	26	Wakefield....		"	Edward and Margaret	"	Wakefield,

Aug. 24	Hennessey, James	30	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	James and Mary	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,		
	O'Grady, Belle	20	"		"	John and Isabella	"	Wakefield.		
27	Bascom, Charles W	25	Stoneham	Fireman	Nashua	Wallace and Ellen K	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,		
	Anderson, Carrie M	19	"		Stoneham	Evans and Josephine	"	Wakefield.		
Sept. 1	Remmel, Jacob	29	Trenton, N. J.	Farmer	Heidelsheim	—— Philippina	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood.		
	Burditt, Ella I	26	Wakefield		Wakefield	Joseph T. and Narcissa	"	Wakefield.		
9	O'Hare, John	32	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	John and Ann	Second	Rev. M. F. Flatley,		
	Forrest, Mary	23	"		"	Richard and Mary	First	Wakefield.		
9	Nelson, Harry P	25	Brooklyn, N.Y	Telegraph	New York	Samuel and Johanna	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley.		
	Flynn, Katie Francis.	24	Wakefield	Operator.	Saugus	Thomas and Hannah	"	Wakefield.		
Oct. 4	Eaton, Edward R	23	Wakefield	Seaman	Deer Island, Me	William R. and Ann B	First	Rev. Joshua Coit,		
	Byers, Isabella	23	"		New Annan, N.S	Robert and Isabel L	"	Lawrence. Mass.		
5	Cassidy, Henry L	22	Wakefield	Salesman	Canada	James and Jane	First	Rev. John O'Donnell,		
	Mullen, Mary Ann	21	Somerville		Boston	James and Margaret	"	Somerville.		
9	Parker, Moses P	29	Wakefield	Clerk	Wakefield	Samuel T. and Margaret	First	Rev. George Walker,		
	Taber, Rebecca E	25	"		New Bedford	Charles A. M. and Rebecca H	"	Wakefield.		
22	Stout, Richard S	29	Wakefield	Overseer	Salem	John and Elizabeth	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell,		
	Russell, Myra	25	"		Bristol Mills, Me	William and Martha	"	Wakefield.		
22	Hutchinson, Horace H.	28	Danvers	Shoe-maker.	Danvers	Kimball and Emily E	First	Rev. Henry Hinckley.		
	Brown, Eliza A	28	Wakefield		Wakefield	William B. and Mary A	"	Lynn.		
23	Wiley, John	67	Wakefield	Carpenter	Wakefield	Peter B. and Ruth	Second	Rev. Austin S. Garver,		
	Gould, Deborah	44	"		"	William and Louisa	First	Wakefield.		
26	Eaton, Z. Albert	27	Wakefield	Needle-	Wakefield	Zenas and Lydia	First	Rev. C. W. Biddle,		
	Praarir, Mary A	24	Lynn	maker.	Lynn	George and Lydia	"	Lynn.		
28	Beebe, Decius	27	Wakefield	Merchant	Melrose	Lucius and Salinda	First	Rev. Calvin Stebbins,		
	Bigelow, Katherine E.	21	Melrose		Somonauk, Ill	Liberty and Harriet Augusta A	"	Melrose.		
Nov. 3	Wiley, Joseph L	50	Wakefield	Shoe-dresser	Wakefield	Leonard and Sally E	Second	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood.		
	Carleson, C.E.(Brown.)	29	"		Nova Scotia	Thomas and Elizabeth	"	Wakefield		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1879.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Pl ce of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Nov. 12	Smith, Francis M.....	33	Wakefield....		[NH Westmoreland.	Manor and Linda.....	Second .	Rev. C. L. Waite,
	Carll, Marcia A.....	28	Orange.....	Stationer...	Waterboro,[Me.	Nathaniel and Clarissa.....	First....	Orange, Mass.
17	Heath, Joseph W.....	25	Rumney, N. H	Physician ..	Bristol, Me.....	Pliney E. and Martha E.....	First....	Rev. R. R. Riddell,
	Green, Sarah E.....	21	Wakefield....		Chelsea..	—— and Elizabeth.....	"	Wakefield.
19	Evans, Harvey B.....	24	Wakefield....	Clerk	Wakefield.....	Lucius B. and Emily W.....	First....	Rev. R. R. Riddell,
	Hobbs, Carrie L.....	22	"		Charlestown....	George W. and Helen M.....	"	Wakefield.
22	Wells, Alonzo C.....	25	Haverhill....	Carpenter ..	Dover, Me.....	Edward H. and Lucy M.....	First....	David B. Tenney,
	Brown, Emma A.....	16	Wakefield....		California..	James W. and Mary S.....	"	Justice of the Peace, Haverhill.
22	Green, Wm. A.....	26	Worcester . .	Milkman ...	Northboro.....	Moses and Sarah F.....	First....	Rev. R. R. Riddell,
	Moody, Stella A.....	22	Wakefield....		Pittston, Me....	Levi and Lucinda.....	"	Wakefield.
27	Spurr, Charles E.....	46	Stoneham	Foreman of	Lowell.....	William A. and Mary E.....	Second .	Rev. R. R. Riddell,
	Sherman, Olive M. (Evans).	27	Wakefield....	Stitch'g-room	Wakefield....	Asaph and Lucinda Evans	"	Wakefield.
Dec. 15	Atwood, Herbert C....	26	Cambridge...	Furniture-	Dummerston, Vt	Henry K. and Nancy.....	First....	Rev. Wm. S. Studley,
	Bryant, Ida L.....	22	Wakefield....	maker.	Saco, Me.....	Samuel and Rose.....	"	Boston.
31	Allen, Frank H.....	23	Boston.....	Provision	Wakefield	John A. and Eunice B.....	First....	Rev. W. H. Ryder,
	Coney, Florence E.....	20	Wakefield....	Dealer.	North Reading.	Edwin S. and Sarah J.....	"	Malden.

Deaths registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1879.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 2	Donovan, Cornelius	80	0	0	Married	Laborer	Ireland	Daniel and Nora	Old Age.
3	Dennett, George W	62	1	9	"	Cabinet maker	Portsmouth, N.H	Ephraim and Abigail	Heart Disease.
8	Eustis James	81	6	19	"	Farmer	Salem, Mass	Joseph and Polly	Congestion of Brain.
13	Donovan, Julia	23	0	0	Single		Ireland	Cornelius and Mary	Consumption.
14	Butman, Stephen	75	5	28	Widower	Miller	Kingston, N. H.	Thomas and Anna	Cirrhosis of Liver.
16	Corcoran, Ellen	50	0	0	Widow		Ireland	Unknown	Phthisic.
19	Reardon, Daniel [ting]	28	2	0	Single	Laborer	Boston	Daniel and Mary	Consumption.
25	Kingman, Marietta W (Whi-	35	4	5	Married		Barnet, Vt	Almon and Mary B	Pulmonary Consumption
28	Cunningham Clara May	0	3	7	Single		Wakefield	John F. and Isabel A	Bronchitis.
31	McMahan, William	0	0	19	"		"	James and Hannah	Debility.
Feb. 5	Hollis, Ann (Pinkham)	40	0	0	Married		England	Samuel and Catherine	Puerperal and Typhoid
12	Draper, Polly (Hemingway)	77	5	14	Widow		Framingham	Daniel and Rhoda	Influenza. [Fever.
22	Hill, Sadie Shaw	1	0	21	Single		Quincy	Augustine P. and Lucretia	Pneumonia.
Mar. 2	Walton, Eliza	60	8	0	"		Wakefield	Andrew and Sally	Erysipelas.
13	Chase, George	76	0	26	Married	Carpenter	No. Yarmouth Me	Thomas and Susan	
13	Brackett, John Wesley	18	5	24	Single		Brighton	Gilbert A. and Alice B	Consumption.
16	Kirby, Thomas F	7	9	13	"		Wakefield	Thomas and Catherine	Rheumatic Fever.
April 7	Morse, Daniel M	25	3	0	"		Boston	Munroe M. and Grace	Chronic Rheumatism.
10	Frye, Lucy	75	7	26	"		Andover	Philip and Sarah	Embolism.
11	Stone, Mary B. (Burditt)	72	9	8	Widow		Wakefield	Michael and Mary D	Apoplexy.
18	Burditt, Lizzie M	1	7	8	Single		North Reading	John B. and Nancy J	Convulsions.
29	Hart, Charles	71	8	14	Married	Baker	Lynnfield	Joseph and Betsey	Pulmonary Consumption
May 11	Parks, Maud	1	8	1	Single		Wakefield	Clarence A. and Helen S.	Diphtheria.
13	Pike Clarence M	0	0	1	"		"	Charles H. and K. Addie.	Cyanosis.
14	Parks, Bessie. French	2	8	19	"		"	Clarence A. and Helen S.	Diphtheria.
16	Hoyt, Henry D	47	6	17	Married	Trader	Thornton, N. H.	Daniel and Mary	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
22	O'Keefe, Patrick	64	6	22	"	Laborer	Ireland	Thomas and Hannah	Consumption.
June 2	Parker, Samuel Trask	64	8	13	"	Merchant	Pembroke, N.H.	John and ——	Chronic Nephritis.
3	Prentiss, Lillian A	0	5	15	Single		Wakefield	Joshua A. and Annie M	Erysipelas.
12	Evans, Chloe, P. (Pettee)	86	3	22	Widow		Foxboro	Hezekiah and Chloe	Uræmia.
12	Aborn, Elizabeth (Gould	85	3	18	"		Wakefield	John and Mary	Old Age.
16	Eaton, Eliza (Vinton)	83	4	16	"		"	John and Mary	"
18	McLarty, William	74	8	18	Married	Tailor	Ireland	Alexander and Catherine	"
July 7	Madden, Margaret	3	4	0	Single		Wakefield	John and Margaret	Diptheria.
7	Purington, Wm. F	30	2	16	Married	Merchant	Harrison, Me	David and Apphia	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
11	Eaton, Helen H	14	1	27	Single		Deer Isle, Me	William R. and Anna B	Inflammation of Brain.
12	Denehey, Peter J	0	6	14	"		Wakefield	Lawrence and Honora	Cholera Infantum.
16	Rideout, Hattie	0	0	3h	"		Stoneham	Henry M. and Addie	Asphyxia.
26	Connell, Catherine F	0	4	2	"		Wakefield	Peter and Mary	Enteritis.

Deaths registered in the town of Wakefield in 1879.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
July 29	Spaulding, Lucinda (Hart)...	89	6	8	Widow ...		Wakefield	John and Mary.....	Old Age.
Aug. 10	Brookman, Harry.....	0	11	10	Single		Boston.....	John J. and Emma C....	Enteritis.
13	White, Edward C.....	0	4	0	"		Wakefield	Ira E. and Sarah I.....	Cephalitis.
21	Winn, Lydia (Whittemore)..	91	8	21	Widow		Charlestown....	Phillip and Lydia.....	Ossification of Heart.
23	Dineen, John J.....	2	0	0	Single		Boston.....	Edward F. and Emma...	Meningitis.
25	Cuff, Catherine.....	19	2	6	"		Wakefield	John and Bridget.....	Consumption.
Sept. 2	Kelly, Michael.....	69	0	0		Laborer....	Ireland.....	Edward and Esther.....	"
5	Kallaher Dennis.....	68	0	0	Married.....	Laborer	"	John and Mary.....	Softening of Brain.
13	Pond, Charles W.....	58	2	7	"	Shoe Manufact'r	Boxford.....	Charles and Sarah.....	Dropsy and Coma.
13	Carey, Gilman.....	68	8	17	"	Shoemaker	Reading.....	Joel and Kezia.....	Dysentery. [building.
13	Corbett, Alfred.....	62	5	0	"	Laborer.....	Brunswick, Me..	Isaac M. and Hannah....	Accident cause falling
19	Maloney, John.....	0	11	0	Single.....		Wakefield	John and Maria.....	Congestion of Brain.
30	Packard, Marietta F. (Swain)	38	11	0	Married ..		"	Strong and Mary.....	Consumption.
Oct. 2	Moses, Elizabeth, (Convers).	75	0	2	Widow		Amherst, N. H..	Josiah and Sarah.....	Cirrhosis of Liver.
2	Lyons, Mary (Casey).....	58	8	0	Married.....		Ireland.....	James and Johana.....	Dropsy.
6	Ricker, Edmund B.....	26	1	6	Single	Hostler	Boston.....	Edmund B. and Ann E..	Railroad Accident.
9	Martin, Thomas.....	85	4	5	Married.....	Mariner.....	Halifax, N.S....	Henry and Rebecca.....	Heart Disease.
11	Pennell, Ida E.....	21	11	0	Single		Wakefield	Sumner and Eunice C....	Consumption.
13	Austin, Henry D.....	61	0	0	"	Lawyer.....	Charlestown	William and Charlotte...	Phthisis.
24	Whiting, Wallace.....	20	3	21	"		Lynnfield.....	George and Hannah.....	Sarcoma.
Nov. 1	Gorham, Mariana W.....	23	2	12	"		Somerville.....	Charles and Lois E.....	Consumption.
9	Bransfield, John J.....	23	8	9	"	Shoemaker	England..... ..	James and Margaret	Railroad Accident.
14	McCabe, Stephen W.....	18	10	19	"		North Reading..	Peter and Eliza.....	Consumption.
22	Nye, Louie Allen.....	0	6	14	"		Wakefield	Edward B. and Mary B..	Gastro Enter tis.
Dec. 13	Abbott, Gracie May.....	0	4	0	"		"	Osceola H. and Flora H..	Marasmus.
15	Sykes, Sarah E.....	34	2	11	"		Leicester, ...	Richard and Mary W....	Debility.
22	O'Leary Daniel R.....	21	0	15	"	Shoe-Laster.....	Wakefield	Richard and Margaret....	Consumption.
26	Reardon, Daniel	66	0	0	Married	Laborer.....	Ireland...	Daniel and Catherine....	Apoplexy.

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1879,	90
Males,	56
Females,	34

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield,	5	9
other towns in United States,	42	41
Ireland,	23	22
England,	4	3
Scotland,	4	3
British Provinces,	6	8
France,	1	0
East Indies,	0	1
Germany,	0	1
Wales,	0	1

Marriages Registered in 1879,	44

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield,	10	6
other towns in United States,	26	30
Ireland,	5	4
England,	1	1
British Provinces,	1	3
Germany,	1	0
First Marriage	35	40
Second "	8	4
Third "	1	0
No. under 20 years of age,	0	6
between 20 and 30,	33	35
30 and 40,	6	0
40 and 50,	1	2
50 and 60,	2	0
60 and 70,	2	1

Oldest Groom,	67 years.
" Bride,	67 "
Youngest Groom,	21 "
" Bride,	16 "

Deaths Registered in 1879,		72
Males,	40	
Females,	32	
Average age, 36 yrs., 6 mos., 18 days.		
Number under 5 years of age,		19
between 5 and 10,		1
" 10 and 20,		4
" 20 and 30,		9
" 30 and 40,		4
" 40 and 50,		2
" 50 and 60,		3
" 60 and 70,		10
" 70 and 80,		8
" 80 and 90,		7
" 90 and 100,		1
Still Born,		3

Number of Dogs licensed in 1879,			129
Males,	124.	Females,	5.
Cash paid County Treasurer,			$247 20

(Signed)

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Wakefield:

In our last annual report we submitted a statement of our expenditures for the year then just past, and also an estimate of the necessary expenses of the incoming year, showing the various amounts needed for teachers' salaries, fuel, Janitors' services and incidental expenses, and asked the town to appropriate a sum which would nearly cover said estimate, to wit: eleven thousand dollars for general school purposes, and one thousand dollars for incidental expenses. The Appropriation Committee recommended the town to raise ten thousand five hundred dollars for general school purposes, and one thousand dollars for incidental expenses, which were the sums raised and placed at our disposal. We have endeavored faithfully and conscientiously to do the best we could with the means under our control.

The law which provides that School Committees shall make annual reports of the condition of their schools, contemplates that that report shall be a truthful one; and, unpleasant as it may prove, we cannot shrink from a discharge of our duty.

Some of your schools are not in the condition they were one year ago, and not in the condition they ought to be. Some have improved. At the opening of the financial year we were confronted by the fact that we had not sufficient funds to carry on the schools as they were then organized,

and we approached the consideration of the question "what shall be done" with no little trepidation. With the admission of a new class in the High School, in September, all the courses of study would come into full operation, and the services of a second assistant would become imperative.

After careful examination of the subject in the best light obtainable, the salary of the Principal of the High School was reduced from fourteen hundred to one thousand dollars per year. The salaries of nearly all the other teachers were reduced, and at the close of the school year in June, the Second Intermediate School in the Centre District was abolished. We found it absolutely necessary to abolish one school or exceed the appropriation, and we selected the one which could be united with another with the least injury. It ought never to have been done, and it has wrought an injury to our school system which it will take at least the period of one school generation to recover. The scholars in this school were placed in the Third Grammar as a second class, under the charge of Miss Warren. The result has been that her room has been literally packed since the consolidation—two schools in one. A crowded room, impure air, constant hurry, overworked teacher, under-drilled scholars, have been the order of the day. It ought to be said in this connection that no part of this state of things is the fault of the teacher.

In the Second Intermediate there has been an unusually large attendance with no means of relief. The average attendance in the Second Grammar during this year has been sixty-five, and in the First Grammar since September, it has been sixty, too large a number in either for any one teacher. The retention of the school abolished would have relieved these difficulties somewhat, but would not have entirely overcome them, and the indications are that its re-organization in September will be imperative. With the return of more prosperous times and the increased expenses of living, teachers naturally inquire if their salaries are to be increased. While we have given no one any encouragement, we have

teachers whose salaries should be increased at once. Their merit demands it. We have frequently enough complained of the policy which just keeps body and soul together, and which not only deprives teachers of the means of improving themselves in necessary lines of study, but which positively forbids the cultivation in the slightest degree of the æsthetic side of their natures. The teacher who does not have the privilege of making progress in all matters relating to her vocation, and who does not avail herself of such privileges when possessed, will inevitably retrograde. There is no standing still. It contravenes natural laws. The town ought to adopt the policy of paying all teachers in its employ salaries sufficient to enable them to keep abreast of the best educational thought of the period.

As your teachers are, so your children will be. What you desire your children to be, provide means for your teachers to become. We desire the children of this town to become cultured men and women, with minds enlightened and broadened by study, and with tastes ennobled by all that is beautiful and grand in nature and art. Those teachers only who are the embodiment of these desires can lead to such heights. Whatever may be the technical definition of civilization, the highest type of what we commonly understand by that term should be our aim. Hume says, "It is unreasonable to expect that a piece of woolen cloth should be wrought to perfection in a country where ethics are neglected and astronomy unknown." As little should we expect the children of the town to realize the capacities of their nature without some living, moving, breathing example; without the constant association of some one "higher than they." The teachers whom we set over our scholars should be pure, cultured ladies and gentlemen, possessed of all the graces which come from an intimate knowledge of the best thought of the time, and an equally intimate association with the masters of thought. Pay them generously, require them to come up to this ideal, and a return both speedy and profitable will be observed in the conduct, character and growth of those under their care.

Much has been said and published of late concerning new departures in schools and methods of education, and we have not been disinterested listeners to these discussions, nor idle observers of events transpiring within our notice. We welcome all additions to the current discussion, believing that much good will result, but we are not of those who believe that any one town has suddenly leaped from a confessed woefully low condition of its public schools to the dazzling heights of perfection in a period of a few short years, no more than we accept with faith the advertised offer of the retired clergyman "whose sands of life are nearly run out" to furnish a panacea for all the ills human flesh is heir to, upon the receipt of a specified amount of fractional currency. Nor do we believe that any one person has just discovered a "method" of conducting schools and directing education to which he can rightfully claim exclusive ownership by right of discovery. Nor do we believe in that vaunted "method" which educates a child without work, and treats his mind as a receptacle into which knowledge is constantly poured as water into a bottomless tank. The fact is that in the past there have been *some* very good schools, *some* very good teachers, *some* very good educators, and *some* men and women of considerable learning who were trained under the old system of pedagogy. Unquestionably, improvements, keeping pace with the material and intellectual growth of the State and nation, have been made, and they have been developed naturally and gradually without hot-house nursing, but no "royal road to learning" has yet been discovered. The way may be made smooth and attractive, lined with shade trees and flowers, but he who travels it must do so by his own power of locomotion. Knowledge, however valuable, is not the grand desideratum. Discipline takes a higher rank. Knowledge without the power to use it is a comparatively valueless incumbrance. A mind trained to make profitable use of knowledge is a possession beyond price.

As well might one expect to become a gymnast by looking at an athlete, or a skilled mechanic by watching the work of others. The mind, like the muscles, is quickened, strengthened, broadened and enlarged by its own exercise, and the teacher who succeeds in training the child's faculties so that he can use them as occasion demands, accomplishes a much higher service than one who simply loads the mind with knowledge. Nor is it true education that makes a child a sort of an apprentice to some specialty, but it is true education that feeds the mind with appropriate food, and developes it with appropriate exercise, so that it will grow in activity, symmetry, strength and efficiency.

READING.

To learn to read is one thing, to read with the understanding is another, and to acquire a taste for good reading is quite another. Startling as the proposition may at first seem, it has become a mooted question among acute observers, whether simply the ability to read is not a positive injury. In view of the immeasurable mass of vile stuff—under the name of literature—which is sown broadcast over the country, and finds its way into the hands of the comparatively uneducated, the young and unguided, and into the hearts of millions of families; in view of the rank poison which a great portion of the daily newspapers disseminates, with all its terrible tendencies and results, thinking people are awakened to the question whether it is not a doubtful blessing to teach a child to read and send him out into the world to pick up such knowledge as he may glean from trashy literature and the sensational press,—whether positive ignorance is not preferable.

Powerful and valuable an agent for the dissemination of legitimate news and information as the Press is, the unbridled use of its privileges has made it one of the most blighting curses of the times. In our judgment, the surest escape is in the education of the coming generations so that there will be no demand for that class of reading to which we have

referred. Then the sentimental story paper and the nauseating daily will give place to a press acute in intellectual productions, and moral in tone. To effect this, children not only should be taught to read, not only to understand the meaning, force and beauty of what they read, not only to master such collateral information as the topic read may suggest, but a taste for good reading should be inculcated at an early age, and ever afterward constantly fostered. With such thoughts in mind, a practice has prevailed in our schools to some extent of requiring the scholars to read from other than the ordinary text books, for instance, from some attractive history, book of travels, choice biography or standard poetry, and with good results so far as observed. This has given variety and attractiveness to the school exercises, as well as developed a desire for a good class of reading and study, and it is hoped such a love for it as will increase with years.

The school authorities of Boston have recently provided for a supplementary course of reading in their schools, a text book of standard poetry with selections adapted to almost any age, and a series of story books for the younger classes containing such tales as Jack the Giant Killer, Puss in Boots, Blue Beard, and others, always the delight of children. While the selections may not be entirely free from criticism, we believe it is a step in the right direction which if continued will ultimately result in great good. To what extent such a plan can be carried out in a town like ours, may be seen when the experiment shall have been more systematically tried.

METRIC SYSTEM.

A short time ago a radical change in weights and measures was pressed upon the business and educational world with much vigor, and the metric system bade fair to come into common use. It was argued that an adoption of that system would save much time in school, as well as be an untold convenience to the business world. We think the argument

correct. During the transition period, however, no time is gained, as scholars are required to learn both systems. It would be gratifying to have the matter pursued with more vigor or dropped entirely.

SPELLING.

Another departure of great moment is the so-called spelling reform or phonetic spelling, which at first sight seems ludicrous, but upon careful examination shows more substantial claims to support than most of the so-called reforms. It is well known that in all our schools much time is expended in learning to spell, and all kinds of devices are resorted to by the teacher to bring the scholars to a medium standard in this branch. The irregularities of the English language are so great that they constitute the main difficulty in mastering it, and no where are they more apparent than in spelling. When the child begins to spell, there always arises in his mind a confusion as to the sounds of the letters, and especially their different sounds when differently associated, and this confusion is overcome, if ever, after a long series of trials and a multitude of retentive efforts. It becomes almost absolutely necessary for him to have a personal acquaintance with each word, or master all the languages from which the English is derived. It is said that out of 1,976 failures in the Civil Service examinations, 1,866 failed on account of spelling. Max Muller says: "The question, then, that will hav to be answered sooner or later, is this: Can this unsystematic system of spelling English be allowed to go on forever? Is every English child, as compared with other children, to be mulcted in two or three years of his life in order to lern it. Ar the lower classes to go thru school without lerning to read and write their own language intelligently. And is the country to pay millions every year for this utter failure of national education? I do not believ or think that such a state of things will be allowd to go on forever, particularly as a remedy is at hand. I consider that

the sooner it is taken in hand the better. There is a motiv power behind these fonetic reformers which Archbishop Trench has hardly taken into account,—I mean the misery endured by millions of scholars at school, who might lern in one year and with real advantage to themselves, what they now require four or five years to lern, and seldom succed in lerning at all."

Phonetic spelling has received the sanction of some of the best scholars in this country and England and is rapidly coming into use in some of the best magazine publications, yet we do not feel inclined at present to make it part of our course of study in the schools, but we would most earnestly commend an examination in detail of the whole matter to the teachers, to the end that they may be thoroughly fitted to teach it when called upon.

Our schools during the past year have pursued both the oral and written methods of spelling, but the written is the better, and is growing in daily use. Sentence-writing and composition afford a fair test of a scholar's capacity in spelling, which is in a certain sense a talent or natural gift. Occasionally those are found who cannot learn to spell with any degree of accuracy, while most succeed very well after more or less hard work.

A very interesting and instructive paper upon the examination of all the schools in Norfolk County during the last year, is published in the Report of the Board of Education for the present year, a portion of which is devoted to the examinations in spelling. This examination was conducted orally, by writing the words, and by sentence and composition writing. The results as detailed in the report afford subjects for very careful reflection. Curiosities without number abound. Upon inspection we find that the children in Norfolk county have invented fifty-two ways of spelling the word "depot," fifty-eight ways of spelling the word "which," one hundred and eight ways of spelling the word "whose," and two hundred and fifty-five ways of spelling the word "scholar."

Since reading that report we have made an examination in spelling of the one hundred and seven scholars which we found in our schools in one day, between the ages of eight and one-half years and ten and one-half years, corresponding in age with the scholars in Norfolk county who took the same examination, and the results, though not as ludicrous as those referred to yet they are unpleasantly suggestive. Our examination was conducted substantially as those in that county, and in part precisely the same, as we understand it. This we did for the purpose of comparing our own standing with theirs.

In their examinations sentences were required to be written by each scholar, containing the words "which," "whose" and "scholar," and the spelling of these three words was marked. The average per cent. obtained of all the scholars in Norfolk county between the ages above named upon those three words, was 55.9. We have required our scholars to take the same examination and they obtain 61.9 per cent.

They were also required to write the following words in sentences:

1. Deluge.	2. Decency.	3. Denies.
4. Colonel.	5. Deterring.	6. Sugar.
7. Chinese.	8. Complete.	9. Supersede.
10. Changeable.		

And they obtained an average of 58.1 per cent. Our scholars upon the same words, obtained an average of 42.7. In the examinations upon the last named ten words we cannot say that the method was precisely the same as used in Norfolk county, and this may in part account for the difference of per cent. obtained. It is also fair to say that our scholars who took the examination average less than nine and a half years of age. Without making any invidious comparisons because the apparent difference in schools is largely due to difference in age we submit the following table of the schools which passed the examination upon the words "whose," "which" and "scholar" with the number of scholars examined and the per cent. obtained by each school.

Name of School.	No of Scholars Examined.	Per cent.
Greenwood, ...	11.	30.3.
Woodville, ...	5.	36.5.
West Int.	15.	48.
East Ward, ...	5.	50.
Ctr. Int. No. 2, . . .	47.	63.8.
North Ward, ...	9.	72.7.
Franklin Int., ...	7.	82.4.
Third Grammar, . . .	5.	86.6.
Second Grammar, . . .	3.	100.

If these facts and suggestions shall provoke thought and discussion and awaken a more lively interest in this subject our purpose will have been attained.

DRAWING.

Considerable attention has been paid to this subject for several years, but our schools are very far behind those of many neighboring towns. We hope the coming year, if means are provided, to give the subject the attention which its importance demands. Drawing is expressing with the hand what the eye sees. It cultivates both observation and reason, trains the eye and gives dexterity to the hand. The unsupplied demand for skilled draughtsmen, accomplished designers and competent workmen in all branches of industry has awakened a lively interest in, and given a strong impetus to this study. It has been called the alphabet of industrial art, and as great numbers of those who are educated in our common schools become artisans, it is wise policy to train them in early life to some extent in the rudiments of those subjects which in maturer years they are to carry into practical life, and to a higher state of perfection.

ATTENDANCE.

We cannot urge to strongly upon parents, teachers and scnolars the transcendent importance of constant and regular attendance. Without it the continuity of study is interrupted, and the embarrassment which ensues is not easily over-

come. The progress of a whole school is frequently retarded by the unnecessary absence of a single pupil. A little reflection ought to lead to a strenuous effort on the part of all concerned for a reduction in the number of absences. Tardinesses and dismissals work serious injury. If parents and others were more cautious about issuing excuses for tardiness and requests for dismissal, they would add much to the efficiency of the schools. As illustrations of the evil complained of, one of your committee found in one school twenty-four requests for dismissal in a single afternoon. In another school a few days after there were nine absences and eleven notes for dismissal, and in the last case the teacher remarked that it was about the usual number.

MUSIC.

The music has continued under the charge of Mr. Wilson, who has striven hard to excite enthusiasm in the pupils, and with excellent success. This year, as last, a concert was given in May, by the school children under the direction of Mr. Wilson and was a successful and enjoyable occasion, and a credit to all who participated. The proceeds of the concert were invested in singing books for the schools.

The excellent singing at the annual examinations charmed even those who were opposed to it.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Our school buildings constantly need some repairs and to this purpose quite a portion of the incidental fund is devoted. We have tried in years past to devote some portion of it to painting, but other expenses have been so large, we have failed. It now seems absolutely necessary that all our school buildings should be re-painted. The same policy which dictates a private citizen to keep his house well covered with paint should govern the municipality. We recommend a special appropriation for that purpose.

It would be an economical and gratifying improvement to

have concrete walks laid in the various school yards, and we suggest that if the town appropriates any money for the purpose of concrete walks, a reasonable portion of it be used about the school houses.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A note was appended to the school report of last year announcing the resignation of Mr. Hill from the principalship of this school, a position held by him for ten years. He continued however in the school to the close of the year and conducted the exercises of the graduating class which took place in the Town Hall on the evening of June 26th. A large, interested and attentive audience listened to the exercises which were creditable to the participants. At the close the members of the school presented Mr. Hill with one of "Rogers' Groups" as a testimonial of the high respect which they entertained for him. According to a custom which we consider a wise one we publish herewith the programme of exercises and the names of the graduating class.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening Chorus, "All Among the Barley."
2. Salutatory, ... Eugene C. Murdock.
3. Declamation, "Freedom and Equality." . *Durant.*
 Harvey M. Mansfield.
4. Song. "Old Kitchen Clock," *White.*
 Male Voices.
5. Reading, ... Extract from Knoware.
 Members of Junior Class.
6. Duet, "The Robin," *Abt.*
 Rosa L. Bridge, Eugene C. Murdock.
7. Declamation, "Execution of Montrose," . . *Aytoun.*
 Michael F. Lyons.
8. History and Prophecy, ... Linda M. Block.
9. Semi-Chorus, "Come where the Lilies Bloom."
10. Declamation, "The Brave Man," . . Harry E. Lane.
11. Calisthenics,
12. Recitation, "Vas Bender Henshpecked," . . *Von Boyle.*
 William D. Wright.

13. Declamation, "Charles Sumner," . . . *Carl Schurz.*
William W. Whitten.
14. Song, "Over the River we Glide," . . . *Bailey.*
Male Voices.
15. Valedictory, "Hæc In Lapide Laudabimus."
Cora H. Dennett.
16. Chorus, "Hence Now Away," *Offenbach.*
17. Presentation of Diplomas.

The following are the names of the Graduates:

LINDA M. BLOCK, MICHAEL F. LYONS,
CORA H. DENNETT, HARRY M. MANSFIELD,
HARRY E. LANE, WILLIAM W. WHITTEN,
*EUGENE C. MURDOCK.

* Three years course.

It was no easy task to find a suitable successor to Mr. Hill, but your Committee after corresponding with and seeing over one hundred different candidates, selected Mr. Abbott Sanford who had been connected with the Malden High School for two years as sub-Master, and he entered upon his duties in September. In the short time that Mr. Sanford has had charge of the school he has shown a very high order of teaching capacity, and excellent skill in management. At the same time Miss Lucy P. Greenough was elected Second Assistant, and has remained to the present time. This was rendered necessary by the fact that in 1878, in response to the demand for a more practical education, a business course of study for two years was adopted. The first class entered in 1878, and in September, 1879, the course came into full operation, thus adding three new recitations daily to the work of the teachers, and six from prior to the adoption of the business course. Miss Greenough is a lady of culture and experience, and her appointment has proved very acceptable to the school. Miss Keith remains first assistant, and wields a most important and beneficial influence over the whole school. The teaching force is now sufficient to answer all the requirements of law and the

desires of its friends, and we confidently expect from the school a brilliant future. Six pupils are now preparing for college.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The four grammar schools have remained under the charge of the same teachers as last year,—Mrs. Wentworth, Miss Perkins, Mr. Cutter, and Miss Warren, respectively, and this fact is a sufficient guaranty of the character of the instruction given, and the faithfulness of the work performed.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Jenny L. Dearborn had the care of this school to December, when she was given a vacation to April on account of her health, and Miss Clara J. Emerson was appointed substitute to that time. It is expected that Miss Dearborn will then return. She closed her first year's service by promoting every scholar in her room.

THIRD INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Alexander tendered her resignation as teacher of this school in the early part of March, and the same has been accepted. Miss Alice G. Currier, a graduate of the High School in the class of 1878, and the valedictorian of the class has been chosen substitute to the end of the year.

FIRST AND SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These schools have remained under the charge of Miss Stearns and Miss Hersey. The management of both meet with the hearty approbation of the Committee.

THE WARD SCHOOLS.

During the year no change in the corps of teachers in these schools has taken place except at Woodville. At the close of the summer term Miss Hammond resigned to accept a situation at Newton upon a much larger salary. During her stay in this school she has done a wonderful work, and her resignation was much regretted. Miss Hattie M. Upham was appointed her successor, but resigned at the end of one

term on account of an increasing indisposition. Miss Clara J. Coney, a resident of Wakefield, and a graduate of Salem Normal School, was appointed to the vacant position, and is doing good service, with the promise of becoming a most excellent teacher. The other ward schools have been doing good work. It is unreasonable to expect them to send out scholars as good as do the Centre schools of the same grade. The teachers cannot have time for the drill absolutely necessary. While they have the advantage of more quiet, teachers and scholars lose the stimulus that comes from association.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend that the town raise and appropriate, in addition to the sum on hand, to meet the present outstanding bills, and to cover all necessary expenses of the ensuing year the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars for general school purposes, one thousand dollars for incidental expenses, and five hundred dollars for painting school houses.

As we go about our schools and gaze into the faces of your children alive with interest, and eager for all that is new and good, we are awakened to the possibilities before us, tremble at the responsibilities upon us, and realize how imperfectly our work is done. The best results can only be obtained by a union of the best effort of the scholars, parents, teachers and Committee. In the ensuing year, remembering that we are making the future, let all join to make the school-room a place of delight to the scholars, a place for their noblest endeavors; a place wherein shall be laid the foundations of character which shall outlive the generations of men.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*,
GEORGE W. ABORN,
THEO. E. BALCH,
E. P. COLBY,
WM. N. TYLER,
SAM'L K. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.

NAMES OF TEACHERS, SALARY, AND DATE OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected.	Salaries.
High . .	Melvin J. Hill, .	Mar., 1869,	$1000 pr. yr.
" . .	Abbott Sanford, .	Sept., 1879,	1000 "
" . .	Martha Keith, . .	April, 1878,	600 "
" . .	Lucy P. Greenough, .	Sept., 1879,	400 "
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, .	Mar., 1871,	625 "
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, .	Sept., 1873,	500 "
" " " 2,	Fred'k S. Cutter, .	Jan., 1878,	700 "
" " " 3,	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871,	420 "
Ctr. Interme'ate, 1,	Elenora Hutchinson, .	Jan. 1858,	400 "
" " 2,	Jenny L. Dearborn, .	Sept., 1878,	360 "
" " 2,	Clara J. Emerson, .	Dec., 1879,	360 "
" " 3,	Alice A. Alexander, .	Sept., 1877,	360 "
" " 3,	Alice G. Currier, .	Mar., 1880,	360 "
Centre Primary, 1,	Myra A. Stearns, .	Sept., 1875,	360 "
" " 2,	Mary I. Hersey,	Dec., 1876,	400 "
West Interme'ate,	Nellie A. Miller .	Sept., 1877,	360 "
" Primary,	L. J. Mansfield, . .	Sept., 1871,	360 "
Franklin St. Int.,	Alice Field, .	Jan., 1879,	380 "
" Primary,	Emma L. Upham, .	Sept., 1874,	360 "
North Ward, .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862,	380 "
East Ward, .	Annie R. Killorin, .	Sept., 1873,	380 "
Woodville, .	Alice M. Hammond, ,	April, 1878,	380 "
" .	Hattie M. Upham. .	Sept., 1879,	360 "
" .	Clara J. Coney, .	Dec., 1879,	360 "
Greenwood, .	Mary J. George, .	Mar., 1878,	380 "
	Geo. F. Wilson, (Music)	Sept., 1876,	450 "

Number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1879, 866.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	57. 5	56. 4	98. 1	40
Advanced Grammar.	38. 2	36. 3	95	31
Centre Grammar, No. 1,	48. 4	45. 8	94. 7	13
" " No. 2,	64.16	60.85	94.87	5
" " No. 3,	54. 4	51	93. 7	
" Intermediate, No. 2,	44	41	93. 5	
" " No. 3,	51. 1	47. 3	92. 4	
" Primary, No. 1,	33. 5	30. 3	90	
" " No. 2,	55. 7	48	86. 6	
West Intermediate,	45	39	90	
" Primary,	52. 2	42. 7	81. 1	
Franklin Street Intermediate,	43. 8	38. 9	88	
" " Primary,	57. 5	53. 7	89	
North Ward,	36	31	86	
East Ward,	46	39	85. 3	
Woodville,	35. 5	28. 5	80	
Greenwood,	44. 5	40	90	
	807	729. 8	89. 7	89

Whole number of different scholars attending school during the year, 977.

TOWNS.	Population—Census of 1875.	Valuation in 1879.	No. of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, May 1st, 1878.	No. of diff. scholars in school, 1878-9.	Average number in school 1878-9.	Rank in County of Middlesex as to amount appropriated for each child.	Sum appropriated to each child between five and fifteen years of age, 1878-9.	Percentage of valuation appropriated to public schools.	Rank in State as to percentage of valuation raised for schools.
Arlington, . .	3906	$4,457,305.00	801	972	678	2	21.22	003.81	89
Malden, . . .	10843	10,420,325.00	2074	2620	2002	11	16.63	003.31	161
Melrose, . . .	3990	3,666,343.00	807	895	705	19	13.63	003.00	211
North Reading, .	979	443,074.00	163	169	129	33	11.04	004.06	64
Reading, . .	3186	2,377,061.00	475	590	457	10	16.84	003.37	151
Stoneham, . .	4984	2,987,075.00	871	981	738	18	14.35	004.19	54
Wakefield, . .	5349	3,516,390.00	923	951	805	21	13.00	003.41	139
Watertown, . .	5099	7,027,500.00	834	888	716	5	19.60	002.33	287
Winchester, . .	3099	3,548,042.00	534	678	516	3	20.60	003.10	192
Woburn, . . .	9568	8,052,508.00	2267	2197	1775	36	10.70	003.14	180
Quincy, Norfolk Co., . .	9155	7,290,295.00	1704	1953	1484		14.67	003.43	136

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Time in its ceaseless course has bronght us to the close of another financial year, and we pause to view the past with its numerous opportunities improved or misspent; with its manifold blessings daily received, and with the continued and ever-increasing facilities for intellectual development and social enjoyment. The unpretending volumes of our public library have for another year been making their regular visits to our families, bringing pleasure to the fireside, and adding intelligence to the domestic circle.

The revival of business has in a measure increased our population, and new-comers have at once put themselves in communication with the public library. It is a gratifying fact that so many of our people find pleasure in reading. An intelligent writer has said: "If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me instead under every variety of circumstance, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life, and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss, and the world frown against me, it would be a taste for reading."

Nearly forty years ago, before the establishment of school libraries, or free libraries of any kind to any great extent, a father, addressing his fellows through the columns of a magazine, made use of these words of wisdom: "Did parents

realize the numerous advantages resulting from a love of reading, I am persuaded they would not grudge the cost of books necessary to create, cherish and gratify it in their children. How many anxious hours are saved to parents in villages and cities, if their children, instead of running about the streets, (the parents know not in what company or employment,) are seated around the fireside reading books of instruction and amusement. Even those parents whose authority can keep their children at home, even they are saved the pains of seeing their children uneasy, or dozing away the weary evening hours, or engaged in noisy talk and sports which annoy the family;—all this is saved to them by cultivating the love of reading in them."

This principle was recognized by many a father who thought more of giving proper direction to the mind in childhood, than in accumulating wealth to bestow upon his children after the season of youth had been neglected, and the responsibilities of adult age had been assumed without suitable mental culture, and without an appreciation of the proper use and real value of earthly possessions.

The blessings which a few favored ones then possessed, and even more, are now held out to all. Instead of a few books in a private library, thousands of volumes, laden with instruction and refining influences, invite the ambitious student to draw needed supplies from their well-filled pages, and to satiate his mental desires "without money and without price."

The value of such a repository of knowledge as a free library cannot well be estimated. Its silent influences pervade every portion of society, and enter into every fibre of our being;—they take root in uninviting soil, and grow to the exclusion of the seeds of evil; they strengthen the intellect, improve manners, encourage morals, and promote virtue. It is in accord with the genius of a free government that the means of training the mental powers are so liberally furnished; that learning, instead of being shut up in cloisters, is

within the reach of those of smallest means, and of humblest birth. It is as free as the air we breath.

Minds in love with reading and appreciating the useful and the true, have elements of power, which will lead their possessors to advance in spite of meanness of station and the frowns of fortune ; which will enable them to overcome mental and physical impediments, fancied or real, and to overleap the barriers that would forbid their entrance into the plentiful and inviting fields of golden fruit. They cannot be confined within the limits of self, but, rich with the experience of others, look out upon the world full of the sublime and the beautiful, and, like a grand panorama, cause the past and the present to appear before their delighted vision.

They should not be unhappy within reach of such sources of pleasure ; they cannot be lonely surrounded by authors the wisest and best the world has ever known.

The farmer, the mariner, the merchant, the mechanic, the artisan, and men of all occupations, as well as the young aspiring to the various professions in life, may give full scope to their most earnest researches, and be rewarded by the realization of their fondest desires.

A very important want was supplied at the beginning of the year, in the completion of the new and well-arranged catalogue of books. It possesses many conveniencies over former catalogues, and especially will it greatly aid the Librarian and those drawing books, in making easy and proper selections for any desired course of reading.

It will be seen by the Librarian's report that there have not been so many volumes delivered on any one account as last year, but a greater number of persons have patronized the Library, and books of a better class have been selected, which required more time and thought properly to digest.

We recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars

for the coming year in addition to the proceeds from the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD MANSFIELD, Chairman,
T. E. BALCH, Secretary,
C. W. EATON, Treasurer,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
JOHN M. CATE,
CYRUS WAKEFIELD,
HARRIET N. FLINT,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
F. P. HURD,
H. H. SAVAGE,
AZEL AMES, Jr.,
GEO. H. TEAGUE,
Trustees.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

CR.

By balance from last year,. . .	$ 1 29	
Town Appropriation, . . .	225 00	
Dog taxes, refunded Town by County,	295 18	
Interest on Flint Fund, . .	60 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund, . .	22 62	
Sale of old books and papers, .	1 70	
Sale of Catalogues, ...	30 20	
Fines collected, ...	33 10	
		$669 09

DR.

To cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian,	$275 00	
for new books, . . .	266 62	
repairs of books, . .	82 50	
covering paper, . .	16 65	
express charges and postage,	11 48	
sundries at library, .	7 54	
printing, . . .	6 50	
Balance on hand, . . .	2 80	
		$669 09

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER W. EATON,

Treasurer of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,		6,720
Added by purchase within the year,		252
donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,		71
Mr. W. C. Eustis,		4
Mr. Dean Dudley,		2
Mr. Geo. O. Carpenter,		1
Hon. Selwyn Z. Bowman,		3
State of Massachusetts,		4
U. S. Bureau of Education,		1
Financial Reform Association,		1
Exchanged for Town Histories,		4
Number added in each class:		
Theology	20	
Mental and Moral Science,	10	
Political and Social Science,	12	
Natural Sciences,	14	
Medical Science,	4	
The Arts,	13	
Language and Literature,	17	
History,	34	
Travels, etc.,	39	
Biography,	53	
Poetry,	11	
Prose Fiction,	116	343
Persons having signed the By-Laws,		125
Number of accounts on which books have been charged,		700
Number of books re-bound		307
" " discarded,		55
Whole number of books delivered,		28,114
Greatest number to one account,		189
Average number delivered each day,		248
" " " " hour,		49

(Signed) VICTORINE E. MARSH,

WAKEFIELD, March 15, 1880. *Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY SINCE PUBLICATION OF CATALOGUE, IN APRIL, 1879.

THEOLOGY—CLASS 1.

	CLASS.	NO.
Addresses and Sermons. Stanley	1	300
Adrift on the Wild Black Tide. Kane	1	303
Bible Teachings in Nature. Macmillan	1	310
Faith of Reason. Chadwick	1	316
Heroes of the Mission Field. Walsh	1	302
History of the First Council of Nice. Dudley	1	299
Influence of Jesus. Brooks	7	309
Life Questions. Savage.	1	305
Manliness of Christ. Hughes	1	317
Ministry of Nature. Macmillan	1	306
Motives of Life. Swing	1	301
Old Faiths in New Light. Smyth	1	314
Palms of Elim. Macduff	1	304
Sermons Preached Before the University of Oxford. Liddon	1	315
St. Paul; Life and Works. Farrar. 2 Vols.	1	308
Sunrise Kingdom. Missions. Carrothers	1	307
Sunday Stories. Brown	1	313
Times Before the Reformation. Dinwiddie	1	311

MENTAL AND MORAL SCIENCE—CLASS 2.

	CLASS.	NO.
Acting and Oratory. Frobisher	2	163
Art of Reading. Legouve	2	160
Children's Hour—Dialogues, &c. Slade	2	166
Education as a Science. Bain	2	158
Our Common School System. Dodge	2	165
Our Daughters. Terhune.	2	162
Report of Commissioner of Education—1877.	2	164
Secret of Success. Adams.	2	159
What is a Gentleman.	2	161

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE—CLASS 3.

	CLASS.	NO.
American Almanac for 1879. ed. by Spoffard	3	19
England; Her People, Polity and Pursuits. Escott	3	93
Financial Reform Almanack for 1880.	3	122
History of American Politics. Johnston	3	86
Marriage. Monday Lectures. Cook	3	61
Massachusetts Public Documents—1878. 4 Vols.	3	88
Progress and Poverty. George	3	121
State of Labor in Europe—1878.	3	95
Twenty Years of Inside Life in Wall Street. Fowler	3	94

NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS—CLASS 4.

	CLASS.	NO.
African Pets. Parry	4	193
Diseases of Swine and Other Domestic Animals—1879.	4	196
Earth and Sea. Figuier	4	186
Flowers of the Sky. Proctor	4	192
Half-Hour Recreations in Popular Science. Sel. and ed. by Dana Estes	4	185
Life History of Our Planet. Gunning	4	191
Madame How and Lady Why. Kingsley	4	187
Our Common Insects. Packard	4	190
Popular Science Monthly. Vol. 14. Youmans	4	195
Recreations in Astronomy. Warren	4	189
Rough Ways made Smooth. Proctor	4	195
What Mr. Darwin Saw.	4	181

MEDICAL SCIENCE—CLASS 5.

	CLASS.	NO.
Brain-work and Overwork. Wood	5	77
Eyesight and How to Care for It. Harlan	5	78
Heredity. Monday Lectures. Cook.	5	75
How to Get Strong. Blaikie.	5	76

THE ARTS.—CLASS 6.

	CLASS.	NO.
Abstract of Returns of Agricultural Societies of Mass. 1856. ed. Flint	6	171
Agriculture of Mass. 1857. "	6	170
" " 1869–70. "	6	172
" " 1871–72. "	6	173
Annual Report of Commissioner of Agriculture. 1878.	6	174
Appledore Cook Book. Parloa	6	176
Art in America. Benjamin	6	169
Bodines, or Camping Out. Up de Graff	6	166
First Principles, &c. Parloa	6	167
Just How—a Key to the Cook Books, Whitney	6	177
Notes on Railroad Accidents. Adams	6	168
Sporting Adventures in the Far West- Murphy	6	175

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.—CLASS 7.

	CLASS.	NO.
Afternoons with the Poets. Deshler	7	409
Amateur Poacher.	7	412
Art of Speech. Vol. 1st. Townsend	7	420
Causerie. Hovey	7	418
Famous Books. Adams	7	68
Foot-Notes. Barron	7	407
Game-Keeper at Home.	7	406
Harper's Monthly Magazine. Vol. 58.	7	416
" " " " 59.	7	417
Impressions of Theophrastus Such. Lewes	7	405
Lessons from my Masters. Bayne	7	408
Locusts and Wild Honey. Burroughs	7	404
Our Cashier's Scrap-Book	7	414
Summer-Savory. Taylor	7	411
Reader's Hand-book. Brewer	7	419
Younger Edda. Anderson	7	413
Young Folks' Cyclopedia of Common Things. Champlin	7	410

HISTORY.—CLASS 8.

	CLASS.	NO.
Army and Navy Monument Memorial—Boston	8	134
Bismarck in the Franco-German War. Busch	8	364
Bonaparte-Patterson Marriage. coll. Saffell	8	370
Boys' Froissart. Lanier	8	376

Destruction and Reconstruction. Taylor	8	365
First Blows of the Civil War. Pike	8	368
Footprints of Vanished Races. Conant	8	374
Handbook of the American Revolution. Winsor	8	381
History of the Consulate and Empire under Napoleon. 5 vols. Thiers.	8	384
History of the 1st Parish in Danvers. Rice	8	363
" Ireland. 2 vols. McGee	8	371
" the English People. 2nd. vol. Green.	8	337
" " " 3d, " "	8	337
" Hollis, N.H. Worcester	8	366
" Our Own Times. McCarthy	8	383
" the Rise of the Huguenots of France. 2 vols. Baird	8	375
" St. Louis, Mo. Edwards and Hopewell.	8	367
" Sutton, Mass. Benedict and Tracy	8	369
Military Religious Orders. Woodhouse	8	377
North Americans of Antiquity. Short	8	380
Nineteenth Century. Mackenzie	8	379
Readings from English History. Green	8	372
Short History of the French People. Lacombe	8	385
Stories of the War Told by Soldiers. ed. Hale	8	382
Town of Roxbury. Drake	8	135
Young Folks' History of France. Yonge	8	378
" " " Rome. "	8	373

GEOGRAPHY, TOPOGRAPHY AND TRAVELS.—CLASS 9.

	CLASS.	NO.
"Alo ha!" A Hawaiian Salutation. Chaney	9	530
Amazon and its Wonders.	9	528
Arctic Voyages of Adolf Erik Nordenskiold. 1858--79	9	527
A Saddle in the Far West. Rideing	9	513
Atlantic Islands. Benjamin	9	498
Bedouin Tribes of the Euphrates. Blunt	9	500
Brazil, the Amazons and the Coast. Smith	9	526
Camps in the Carribbees. Ober	9	522
England and the Continent. Dudley	9	501
Euphrates and the Tigris.	9	529
Exploration of the World. Verne	9	519
Forbidden Land. Corea. Oppert	9	535
Four Months in a Sneak Box. Bishop	9	520
Fourteen Months in Canton. Gray	9	533
From Egypt to Palestine. Bartlett	9	502

Frozen Asia. Eden	9	518
Great Fur Land. Robinson	9	508
In the Far East.	9	517
Lady's Life in the Rocky Mts. Bird	9	525
Letters from Egypt. Whately	9	503
" Florida. Beecher	9	505
Midnight Marches thro' Persia. Ballantine	9	499
Northward Ho. Markham	9	524
Notable Voyages. Kingston	9	523
Our Autumn Holidays on French Rivers. Molloy	9	516
Ragged Register. Dickinson	9	515
Round the World on the Yacht Sunbeam. Brassey	9	532
Round Trip. Codman	9	509
Spain in Profile. Harrison	9	511
Studies of Paris. Amicis	9	512
Sunshine and Storm in the East. Brassey	9	534
Summer Jaunt. Holden	9	514
Through the Light Continent. Saunders	9	531
Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes. Stevenson	9	508
Wanderings in Patagonia. Beerbohm	9	506
White and Black. Campbell	9	510
Wild Life in a Southern County. Jeffries	9	504
Zigzag Journeys in Europe. Butterworth	9	521

BIOGRAPHY—CLASS 10.

	CLASS.	NO.
Early Years of the Prince Consort. (Albert) Grey.	10	246
Life of the Prince Consort. 4th Vol. Martin.	10	498
History of King Alfred. Abbott.	10	585
Life of Benedict Arnold. Arnold	10	567
Ernst Moritz Arndt. From the German	10	552
History of Joseph Bonaparte.	10	591
Life and Letters of Madame Bonaparte. Didier	10	565
" " " " Baroness Bunsen. Hare	10	547
William Cullen Bryant. Hill	10	548
Brant and Red Jacket. Eggleston and Seelye	10	569
Burke. Morley	10	560
Burns. Shairp	10	554
Cæsar. Froude	10	550
Thomas Carlyle. Guernsey	10	581

Life and Letters of Mary Carpenter. Carpenter	10	576
" " " " Mrs. Delaney. Ed. Woolsey. 2 Vols.	10	571
" " " " Charles Dickens. Dickens and Hogarth. 2 Vols.	10	568
" " " " Admiral D. G. Farragut. Farragut	10	573
Figure Painters of Holland. Gower	10	579
Life of Richard Fuller. Cuthbert	10	544
William Lloyd Garrison and his Times. Johnson	10	575
Count Agenor de Gasparin. Trans. by Borel	10	558
History of Genghis-Khan. Abbott.	10	584
Goldsmith. Black	10	545
About Grant. Swift	10	578
Hawthorne. James	10	583
Robert Stephen Hawker. Gould	10	551
History of Henry the Fourth. Abbott	10	590
Autobiography of Rev. Josiah Henson.	10	556
History of Hortense. Abbott	10	588
Life and Travels of Alexander von Humboldt.	10	564
" of Abraham Lincoln. Leland	10	566
" " Martin Luther. Bunsen	10	561
History of Louis Philippe. Abbott	10	592
Magellan. Towle	10	570
Memoirs of Prince Metternich. Metternich. 2 Vols.	10	572
Poets Laureate of England. Hamilton	10	582
History of King Philip. Abbott	10	589
Pocahontas. Eggleston and Seelye	10	562
History of Richard the First. Abbott	10	586
" " " " Second. Abbott	10	587
Southey. Dowden	10	577
Edmund Spenser. Church	10	553
Catherine and Craufurd Tait. Benham	10	574
Thackeray. Trollope	10	555
Sir Anthony Van Dyck. Head	10	559
Leonardo da Vinci. Richter	10	580
Life of the Duke of Wellington. Waite	10	549
Story of Sir David Wilkie. Simpson.	10	563

POETRY.—CLASS 11.

	CLASS.	NO.
Æneid of Virgil. Trans. John D. Long	11	207
Blanid. Joyce	11	206
Friar Anselmo and Other Poems. Dorr	11	204
Her Lover's Friend and other Poems. Perry	11	205
Light of Asia. Arnold	11	203
Poems of Places. 5 vols. ed. Longfellow	11	207

PROSE FICTION.—CLASS 13.

	CLASS.	NO.
American Baron. De Mille	13	1961
A Modern Minister.	12	2006
An Earnest Trifler. Sprague	13	2008
A Man's a Man for A' That.	13	2032
Barque Future. Lie	13	1963
Begum's Fortune. Verne	13	2021
Bundle of Letters. James	13	2050
Bush-Rangers. Thomes	13	1967
Bye-Words. Tales Old and New. Yonge	13	2044
Camp and Cabin. Raymond	13	2047
Castle Foam. French	13	2023
Castle Hohenwald. Streckfuss	13	1958
Confidence. James	13	2048
Cousins, Walford	13	1990
Colonel's Opera Cloak. No Name Series.	13	1997
Delicia. Butt	13	1989
Detmold. Bishop	13	1987
Falconberg, Boyeson	13	1962
Fool's Errand. Anon.	13	2030
Forrest House. Holmes	13	2009
Gold Hunters in Europe. Thomes	13	1966
Hairbreadth Escapes. Adams	13	2036
Hampdens. An Historiette. Martineau	13	2046
Haworths. 2 copies. Burnett	13	2007
Hendricks the Hunter. Kingston	13	2012
Her Friend Lawrence. Benedict	13	1988
His Majesty, Myself. Baker	13	2033
Home at Fiesole.	13	1978
Hope Mills. Douglass	13	2031
In the Mist. Porter	13	1960
In Prison and Out. Stretton	13	2024
In the Schillingscourt. Marlitt	13	2013
Joan the Maid. Charles	13	1959
Job Singleton's Heir. Marshall	13	1977
Just One Day.	13	1981
Lady of the Aroostook. Howells	13	1956
Law of Hotel Life. Rogers.	13	1991
Little Dorrit. Dickens	13	2045
Lionel Franklin's Victory. Van Sommer	13	2039
Markof. Greville	13	1986
Margaret and her Bridesmaids. Stretton	13	2043

Mansfield Park. Austen	13	1993
Men of the Backwoods. Hope	13	2025
Mildred Keith. Farquharson	13	1976
Miss Gilbert's Career. Holland.	13	1955
Moondyne. O'Reilly	13	2001
Mrs. Merriam's Scholars. Hale	13	1975
My Desire. Warner	13	1980
Northanger Abbey. Austen	13	1992
Old Creole Days. Cable	13	1996
Old Friends and New. Jewett	13	2004
Out on the Pampas. Henty	13	2000
Pre-historic World. Berthel	13	2005
Pride and Prejudice. Austen	13	1994
Puritan and the Quaker.	13	1979
Sarah de Beranger. 2 cop. Ingelow	13	1998
Saturday's Bairn.	13	2011
Sealed Orders, etc, Phelps	13	2019
Sense and Sensibility. Austen	13	1995
Serpent Charmer. Rousselet	13	2040
Sir Edward Seaward's Narrative. Porter	13	2038
Sir Gibbie. MacDonald	13	1957
Stephen, the Schoolmaster. Gellie	13	2027
Three Admirals. Kingston	13	2037
Tribulations of a Chinaman. Verne	13	2003
Twins of Table Mountain. Harte	13	2018
What Came Afterwards. Arthur	13	2041
Will Weatherhelm. Kingston	13	2020
Young Mrs. Jardine. Craik	13	2026

JUVENILE STORIES.

	CLASS.	NO.
Aunt Joe's Scrap Bag. vol. 5. Alcott.	13	2017
Bodley's Afoot. Scudder	13	2002
Broken Walls. Warner	13	1974
Chums. Severne	13	2010
Cornertown Chronicles. Knox	13	2022
Cruises with Capt. Bob. Shillaber	13	2042
Donald's School Days.	18	1973
Dorcas Club.	13	1965
Eyebright. Woolsey	13	2014
Frank, the Young Naturalist. Fosdick	13	1984
" on the Prairie. "	13	1982
" among the Rancheros, "	13	1985
" in the Woods, "	13	1983

Fred Markham in Russia. Kingston	13	2028
Going South. Adams	13	2034
In the Track of the Troops.	13	1970
Live Boys. Morecamp	13	1971
Mail Carrier. Fosdick	13	1964
My Boyhood. Barkley	13	1972
Ned Garth. Kingston	13	2029
Pat. Austin	13	2049
Post Haste. Ballantyne	13	2035
Room for One more. Higginson	13	2015
Telegraph Boy. Alger	13	1999
Young Joe and Other Boys. Trowbridge	13	2016
Young Rajah. Kingston	13	1968

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

The Auditors in fulfilment of their duties, herewith present to the Town the reports of the various Town Officers, and would certify that they have examined the accounts of such officers as have had charge of expenditures or collections of moneys, and find that with a few exceptions in the Highway pay-rolls, they have correct and proper vouchers.

We have already noted in our report the overdrawal of the Poor Appropriation. Several other appropriations are slightly overdrawn, and we think it well to call the attention of the Town to the fact, that when appropriations are thus overdrawn, it in reality increases the debt of the town to that amount, whereas if a special vote of the town be first obtained, appropriating a sum therefor, such amounts may, by law, be included in the assessment of the following year.

(Signed)

T. J. SKINNER,
E. E. EMERSON,
W. S. GREENOUGH,
} *Auditors.*

Wakefield, March 24, 1880.

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriation Committee's Report,	85
Appropriations, List of	31
Assessors' Report,	78
Auburn Street Appropriation,	54
Auditors' Report,	31
Auditors' Statement,	132
Births,	88
Bryant Street Appropriation,	55
Collector's Statements,	59
County Tax (see Treasurer's Report,)	61
Crescent and Eaton Street Repairs,	56
Deaths,	95
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	42
Engineers' Report,	80
Fire Department Expenses,	37
Fish Committee's Expenses,	57
Fish Committee's Report,	82
Highways and Bridges,	48
Injunction Expenses,	56
Jurors' List,	5
Librarian's Report,	122
Library Finances,	41 and 121
Loan Account (Treasurer's Report),	61
Maple Street Appropriation,	54
Marriages,	91
Military Aid, New Law,	44
Miscellaneous Expenses,	44
Overseers of Poor, Report of	65
Park Extension,	54
Police Report,	81
Reservoir cor. Chestnut and Emerson Streets,	55
Rodney Edmands' Claim,	57
Salaries of Town Officers,	40
School Committee's Report,	99
School Contingent,	34
School Expenses, (Regular,)	32
Selectmen's Report,	75
State Aid,	63
State Tax, (Treasurer's Report),	61
Street Lamps,	42
Support of Poor,	39 and 65
Tax Deeds, List of,	64
Town Clerk's Report,	87
Town Debt,	62
Town House Expenses,	43
Town Meetings,	6
Town Officers, List of,	3
Treasurer's Report,	60
Trustees of Library Report,	117
Weston, Sumner, Claim of	56

THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF WAKEFIELD,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD

OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DURING THE YEAR 1880.

WAKEFIELD:
THE CITIZEN & BANNER PRESS.
1881.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1880-1.

Selectmen.

THEODORE E. BALCH, *Chairman.*
ARLON S. ATHERTON, *Secretary.* BUCHANAN B. BURBANK.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Treasurer.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

Assessors.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman.*
CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE, *Secretary.* DAVID PERKINS.

Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN M. CATE, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM G. STRONG, *Secretary.* THEODORE E. BALCH.

School Committee.

LUCIUS BEEBE, ...	Term expires	1883.
THEODORE E. BALCH, *Treasurer*, .	" "	1883.
SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, *Chairman*,	" "	1882.
WM. N. TYLER, *Secretary*, . .	" "	1882.
E. P. COLBY, ...	" "	1881.
GEO. W. ABORN.	" "	1881.

Auditors.

T. J. SKINNER, E. E. EMERSON, W. S. GREENOUGH.

Collector of Taxes.

RICHARD BRITTON.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

JOHN W. JENKINS, *Chief.*
WILLIAM H. GRAY, *Secretary.* CHARLES W. TROW.

Trustees of the Beebe Town Library.

LUCIUS BEEBE,	CYRUS WAKEFIELD,
EDWARD MANSFIELD, *Chairman*,	THOMAS WINSHIP,
CHESTER W. EATON, *Treasurer*,	HARRIET N. FLINT,
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary*,	JOHN M. CATE,
S. O. RICHARDSON,	F. P. HURD,
H. H. SAVAGE,	AZEL AMES, JR.

GEORGE H. TEAGUE.

Fish Committee.

OSCAR I. STOWELL, SAMUEL PARKER, JR.
J. HENRY CARTLAND.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Highway Surveyors.

JOHN G. MORRILL, ... Centre District.
JOSEPH CONNELL, ... North "
LEVI B. EATON, ... South "
CHARLES H. HART, ... East "
SIMEON PARKER, ... West "
HENRY N. OLIVER, ... Woodville"

Fence-Viewers.

GEORGE PACKARD, CHARLES H. STEARNS,
GEORGE H. TEAGUE.

Pound Keeper.

J. CLARENCE WHITFORD.

Police Officers.

WILLIAM H. GRAY. *Chief*, MOSES STAPLES,
GEORGE E. GAMAGE, *Clerk*, JOHN W. JENKINS.
ORRIN C. POTTER, JOHN McMAHAN,
JOHN F. WHITING.* JOHN DRUGAN.†
JOHN A. MELONEY*

*Night watch. †Resigned Aug. 19th.

Constables.

CHARLES H. DAVIS, MOSES STAPLES, HOWARD EMERSON.

Truant Officers.

WILLIAM H. GRAY, GEORGE E. GAMAGE.

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEORGE W. ABORN, GEORGE K. GILMAN.
A. A. MANSFIELD, E. W. EATON. A. W. CHAPMAN,

Measurers of Wood.

WM. H. GRAY, C. W. GREEN.
M. C. EVANS, A. J. HUTCHINSON.
B. F. ABBOTT, HENRY CLAY,
JOSHUA WALTON, JOSEPH TUTTLE,
A. A. MANSFIELD, E. W. EATON.

Surveyors of Lumber.

[By oversight these officers were not chosen at the annual Town Meeting, and the following persons were appointed by Selectmen.]

C. F. BICKFORD, HENRY CLAY, FRED H. HENRY,
GEORGE H. TEAGUE.

Field-Drivers.

THOMAS HICKS, W. W. BESSEY, AARON BUTLER,
EUGENE E. OLIVER. EDWARD GREEN, FRANK POND.

Committee on Appropriations.

W. S. GREENOUGH, JAMES F. EMERSON,
LUCIUS BEEBE, LEVI B. EATON,
WM. H. ATWELL, J. J. MANSFIELD,
J. C. HARTSHORNE, T. J. SKINNER,
E. E. OLIVER, JAMES OLIVER,
THOMAS WINSHIP, T. E. BALCH,
WM. F. YOUNG, JOSHUA WALTON. A. W. BROWNELL,

List of Jurors

Accepted by the Town, November 2, 1880.

Abbott, Henry F.
Abbott, Benj. F.
Allen, Mark W.
Atherton, Arlon S.
Atwell, John
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Bridger, William J.
Balch, Theodore E.
Boardman, Moses
Bickford, Charles F.
Burbank, B. B.
Brownell, Alsted W.
Connell, Joseph
Carter, James H.
Crocker, Luther
Eaton, Levi B.
Emerson, Frederic
Emerson, James E.
Emmons, Dimon T.
Flanley, John
Floyd, George H.
Foster, Daniel D.
Gilman, George K.
Greenough, Wm. S.
Haskell, Henry L.
Heath, Leonard N.
Jenkins, John W.
Kendrick, Rufus
Kennedy, Thomas
Knight, Elisha
Littlefield, Samuel F.
Low, Michael
Mansfield, Joseph D.
Mansfield, James J.
Mason, David P.
Newhall, John S.
Nichols, Jefferson
Nichols, Warren
Niles, Charles E.
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Oliver, Henry N.
Oliver, James
Perkins, Andrew C.
Perkins, David
Parker, Samuel Jr.
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Poland, J. Warren
Potter, James W.
Putney, Stillman J.
Rayner, James
Ronan, Michael
Stearns, Chas. H.
Stowell, Issachar
Turnbull, Alexander
Tyler, John H.
Walton, Herbert W.
Walton, Oliver
Wiley, John
Young, William F.
Swett, Daniel

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 8th, 1880.

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

William S. Greenough was chosen Moderator by ballot.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the Report of the Committee, who were charged with the duty of examining the past and present system of managing the Town Farm.

William F. Young, in behalf of the Committee, presented a lengthy and detailed report of their investigations, and after a long discussion it was voted, on motion of Wm. N. Tyler, Esq., that the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to have the same printed, and have them ready for distribution within eight days; and that the committee be instructed to embody in their report the number of tramps provided for, and the cost of so doing, since 1872.

Voted, That the committee be authorized to print 1500 copies of their report.

Capt. John M. Cate presented to the town a communication from Mrs. Harriet N. Flint in regard to accepting a donation of two hundred dollars to be expended in decorating and beautifying Memorial Hall.

Voted, That the very generous proposition of Mrs. Flint be accepted by the town.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to confer with Mrs. Flint in regard to the matter.

The following committee were appointed by the chair, viz.: John M. Cate, B. B. Burbank and James H. Carter.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chap. 158, Acts of the year 1871, entitled an "Act to provide for the election of Road Commissioners."

No action taken under this article.

Voted, That the meeting be dissolved.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 5th, 1880.

ART. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was elected Moderator (23 votes).

Voted, That when the town take up the town business in the warrant, it take up the articles *seriatim*, with the exception of Article 44.

Voted, To take up Article 44.

ART. 44. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed April 1st, 1878, whereby the town voted to accept the provisions of Chap. 186 of the Acts of the year 1877, in relation to Overseers of the Poor, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To revoke the vote passed April 1st, 1878, accepting the provisions of Chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1877, in regard to the election of Overseers of the Poor, (yeas 53, nays 30).

A motion made by John M. Cate to reconsider the vote just passed was lost.

Voted, On motion of James H. Carter, that no persons except those so authorized be allowed on the platform.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the Annual Reports of Town Officers.

Voted, That the Reports of the Town Officers as printed be accepted by the town.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Committee on Appropriations.

Voted, That the Report of the Committee on Appropriations be accepted as printed.

ART. 4. To choose, by ballot, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Tax Collector, Constables, Board of Health, Highway Surveyors, Fence Viewers and Fish Committee. All the above-named officers upon one ballot, in the above order, will be received in one box.

Voted, To elect all the officers named in this Article by ballot.

The chair appointed the following named persons to superintend the check-list, viz.: Edward Mansfield, Charles F. Woodward, John Hogan and James H. Carter, and then declared the polls open for the reception of ballots for the various officers named in the warrant.

Later in the meeting the chair appointed the following committee to sort and count votes, viz.: William S. Greenough, Charles F. Richardson, A. W. Brownell, E. H. Walton, O. V. Waterman and J. S. Eaton.

Result of the ballot as afterward announced at 11.40 o'clock P. M.

TOWN CLERK.

Charles F. Hartshorne had 476 votes.		(Elected.)
Jacob C. Hartshorne " 78 "		
Scattering . . 2 "		

TREASURER.

James F. Emerson had 561 votes.		(Elected.)
Scattering . . 5 "		

SELECTMEN.

Theodore E. Balch,	(Elected.)	351
Buchanan B. Burbank,	"	232
Arlon S. Atherton,	"	223
James Oliver,		217
William N. Tyler,		173
Thomas Winship,		140
David Perkins,		113
Hosea L. Day,		100
Amos W. Chapman,		93
Scattering		24

ASSESSORS.

David Perkins,	(Elected.)	565
Charles F. Hartshorne,	"	369
James Oliver,	"	254

Mason S. Southworth,	170
Isaac F. Eaton,	107
Waldo E. Cowdrey,	106
John W. Jenkins,	72
Scattering	36

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Owing to the mixed condition of the tickets in the field in consequence of the revokement of the vote passed April 1st, 1878, (see action under Art. 44, Page 7), there was a large scattering vote. We attempt, therefore, to give only the votes for the leading candidates—[Auditors].

For three years, with three names on a ticket.

Cyrus N. White,	15
W. G. Strong,	6
James W. Dean,	7
Theodore E. Balch,	14
Scattering	29

For three years, one name on a ticket.

Theodore E. Balch,	121
John M. Cate,	97
Henry H. Savage,	22
W. G. Strong,	20
Scattering	10

No time specified.

John M. Cate,	162
Wm. G. Strong,	172
Theodore E. Balch,	131
Joseph Connell,	149
Cyrus N. White,	110
James W. Dean,	91
James W. Deane,	35
Scattering	48

The Moderator declined to announce who were elected as Overseers of the Poor until the adjourned meeting, and on motion of W. S. Greenough it was Voted, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Moderator ought to take legal advice before declaring the vote for Overseers of the Poor. [For decision, see records of adjourned meeting.]

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For three years.

Lucius Beebe,	(Elected.)	560
Theodore E. Balch,	"	519

R. M. Nott,		6
Austin S. Garver,		11
A. S. Garver,		10
Scattering		7

TAX COLLECTOR.

Richard Britton,	(Elected.)	451
Arlon S. Atherton,		103
Scattering		1

CONSTABLES.

Charles H. Davis,	(Elected.)	468
Moses Staples,	"	458
Howard Emerson,	"	559
W. H. Gray,		91
Nathaniel Palmer,		97
Scattering		7

BOARD OF HEATH.

S. O. Richardson,	(Elected.)	348
E. P. Colby,	"	468
John M. Cate	"	262
Joseph D. Mansfield,		119
Charles F. Richardson,		194
Samuel W. Abbott,		84
J. D. Mansfield,		90
Scattering		92

FENCE VIEWERS.

George Packard,	(Elected.)	552
Charles H. Stearns,	"	464
George H. Teagne,	"	368
Alexander Turnbull,		93
Wm. G. Strong,		94
Levi B. Eaton,		98
Scattering		11

FISH COMMITTEE.

Oscar I. Stowell.	(Elected.)	445
J. Henry Cartland,	"	257
Samuel Parker, Jr.,	"	461
Wm. S. Greenough,		178
James H. Carter,		103
Reuben L. Cooper,		105
Thomas Gould,		98
Scattering		34

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Centre District.

John G. Morrill,	(Elected.)	305
John M. Cate,		239
Scattering		9

North District.

Joseph Connell,	(Elected.)	234
Benj. F. Shedd,		145
Chas. F. Bickford,		138
Scattering		48

South District.

Levi B. Eaton,	(Elected.)	545
Scattering		16

East District.

Charles H. Hart,	(Elected.)	171
Thomas Gould,		124
Bartholomew O'Hea,		133
James J. Mansfield,		91
Scattering		21

West District.

Simeon Parker,	(Elected.)	281
James Killoran,		168
Cyrus Kimball,		103
Scattering		1

Woodville District.

Henry N. Oliver,	(Elected.)	463
Joshua Perham,		96
Scattering		2

ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers not required to be chosen by ballot for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the chair appoint a committee of three, who shall retire and nominate a committee of thirteen, three from the Centre and two from each of the other wards, who shall present a list of names to this meeting, for officers not chosen by ballot.

The chair appointed as the committee of three, Messrs. E. E. Emerson, Richard Britton and H. H. Savage. This committee afterwards reported as the nominating committee of thirteen the following named gentlemen:

Centre District—		S. O. Richardson, Thomas Winship, John Purington,	
North	"	Henry Haskell, Jr.,	E. E. Emerson,
South	"	H. H. Savage,	Levi B. Eaton,
East	"	George H. Wiley,	Issachar Stowell,
West	"	Wm. N. Tyler,	George H. Teague,
Woodville	"	Benj. W. Oliver,	George E. Gamage.

This committee later in the meeting reported the following names, who were elected to the various offices named, each name being voted upon separately.

AUDITORS.

T. J. Skinner, E. E. Emerson, W. S. Greenough,

TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

Lucius Beebe, T. E. Balch, Thomas Winship,
Edward Mansfield, Cyrus Wakefield, Harriet N. Flint,
F. P. Hurd, H. H. Savage, George H. Teague,
C. W. Eaton, S. O. Richardson, John M. Cate,
Azel Ames, Jr.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND MERCHANDISE.

Geo. W. Aborn, A. A. Mansfield, George K. Gilman,
A. W. Chapman, E. W. Eaton.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

Wm. H. Gray, C. W. Green, M. C. Evans,
A. J. Hutchinson, B. F. Abbott, Henry Clay,
A. A. Mansfield, Joseph Tuttle, Joshua Walton,
E. W. Eaton.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Thomas Hicks, W. W. Bessey, Aaron Butler,
Eugene Oliver, Edward Green, Frank Pond.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

W. S. Greenough, J. F. Emerson, Lucius Beebe,
L. B. Eaton, Wm. H. Atwell, J. J. Mansfield,
J. C. Hartshorne, T. J. Skinner, E. E. Oliver,
James Oliver, Thomas Winship, T. E. Balch,
Wm. F. Young, A. W. Brownell, Joshua Walton.

Voted, That the remaining articles in the warrant be taken up at one o'clock P. M.

Voted, That the counters be instructed to count the ballots cast for Overseers of the Poor for three years, as ballots cast for one year.

Voted, That in all discussions on articles in the warrant no person be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, and not more than five minutes at a time.

Voted, That the polls be kept open for the reception of ballots until five and one-half o'clock in the afternoon, and then closed.

At one o'clock P. M. the meeting was called to order for the transaction of town business.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay all demands, in anticipation of taxes.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to hire money to pay all demands in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of town debt and interest.

Voted, That the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000) be raised and appropriated for the payment of the town debt, and six thousand dollars ($6000) for payment of the interest upon town debt.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars ($11,500) for the support of schools for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate one thousand dollars ($1000) for school contingent fund, and the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) for painting school houses.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000) be raised and appropriated for the support of the poor the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges for the year ensuing, and determine how the same shall be expended.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars ($3000) for the repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

No further action taken.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000) be raised and appropriated for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) in addition to the fund from the Dog-tax, for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of town officers for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three hundred and twenty-five dollars ($2325) for payment of town officers, and that the salaries of the officers be the same as recommended by the Appropriation Committee, viz. :

Town Treasurer, ...	$ 50
Town Clerk, ...	100
Board of Selectmen, ...	400
" " Assessors, ...	350
" " Overseers of the Poor, . .	150
" " School Committee, . .	200
" " Fire Engineers, . . .	75
" " Auditors, ...	100
Tax Collector, for collecting tax warrant of 1880, ...	400
Constable and Police Service, . .	500
Total, ...	$2325

ART. 14. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for street lamps for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) for the expenses of street lamps for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500) for the payment of miscellaneous expenses and military aid.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for town house expenses for the year ensuing.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) for Town House expenses.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of additional improvement of the Park extension.

Voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be raised and appropriated, to be expended with the proceeds from the sale of grass, under the direction of the Selectmen, for the improvement of the Park extension; and that it shall be made as much as consistently can be, to serve the cause of charity, and provide labor for the unemployed worthy poor.

ART. 18. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the town adopt the same method for collecting taxes as was adopted for the year 1879. [See Annual Report of last year, page 12, or Town Clerk's Record, Book No. 6, Fol. 510.]

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Voted, That the Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

ART. 20. To determine the compensation of enginemen for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the compensation of enginemen for the ensuing year be fixed at the sum of thirteen dollars [$13], and a sum equal to the poll tax.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money on a term of years for the purpose of providing for payment of town notes, maturing during the present year.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money to renew or replace any existing loan or loans on such term of years, not exceeding ten years, as in their judgment may be deemed desirable.

ART. 22. To see what additional regulations if any the town will adopt in respect to sales of real estate held by the town by virtue of tax-deeds, in cases where the sum offered shall not be sufficient to re-imburse the town to the full amount of taxes and expenses.

Voted, That in sales by auction or otherwise of real estate held by the town by virtue of tax-deeds, in cases where the sums offered shall not be sufficient to re-imburse the town for its outlay, the Treasurer and Selectmen, acting together, be invested with discretionary power as to terms of settlement.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize and direct its Assessors to make a new and revised valuation of taxable estates, and cause a list of the same to be printed, or what they will do about it.

Voted, That the town authorize and direct its Board of Assessors to make a new and revised valuation of taxable estates, and cause a list of the same to be printed for distribution, and that the sum of three hundred dollars [$300] be raised and appropriated to pay the expense of the same.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize its Assessors to procure from the South District Registry of Deeds an annual list of conveyances of real estate in Wakefield, as an aid to the legal and accurate assessment of taxes, or what action it will take in the matter.

Voted, That the Assessors be authorized to procure from the South District Registry of Deeds an annual list of conveyances of real estate in Wakefield, to aid the Assessors in making an accurate assessment of taxes.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize its Selectmen to provide a night watch, or whether it will authorize them to keep two or more policemen on duty evenings until midnight, or what it will do in relation thereto.

A motion to pass over was rejected, [yeas 19, nays 37].

Voted, To leave the matter discretionary with the Selectmen.

ART. 26. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) to decorate soldiers' graves on Memorial Day, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars [$150] to decorate soldiers' graves on Memorial Day.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for the purpose of building a sidewalk upon Main street from near the house of Mr. Beebe to Lowell street, or what they will do in the matter.

Voted, That the subject of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 28. To see if the town will reimburse the petitioners for an injunction in the case of the C. Wakefield Engine Co. for the legal expenses incurred by them.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars [$125] to re-imburse the petitioners for an injunction in the case of the C. Wakefield Engine Co.

ART. 29. To see if the town will order by ballot, yeas or nays, a vote upon the question of licenses for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors for the year ensuing.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone this subject, [yeas 54, nays 38.

ART. 30. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to require all local organizations using the Town Hall to pay therefor a sum that shall at least cover the cost of heating, lighting and janitor's services.

Voted, That the town instruct its Selectmen to require all local organizations using the Town Hall to pay such sums for the use of the hall as shall cover the expense of heating, lighting and janitor's services.

ART. 31. To see if the town will appoint a committee to report, for adoption by the town, a new and revised list of Rules and Orders, to be observed in all meetings of the town, or what they will do about it.

Voted, That a committee of five, to include the Moderator, be appointed to prepare and report at the next meeting a new and revised list of Rules and Orders for adoption by the town, to be observed in all town meetings.

The following gentlemen were appointed that committee: S. K. Hamilton, W. S. Greenough, James Oliver, Thomas Winship and William F. Young.

ART. 32. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125) to improve the lighting of the Town Hall, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To refer this matter to a committee of three to re-

port at a future meeting. The chair appointed as this committee John Purington, Lucius Beebe and James F. Emerson.

ART. 33. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for the use of the Fish Committee.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars [$20] for the use of the Fish Committee.

ART. 34. To see if the town will instruct the engineers to appoint a company for the C. Wakefield Engine, or what they will do about it.

Voted, That the town instruct the engineers to appoint a company for the C. Wakefield Engine, [yeas 94, nays 39.]

ART. 35. To see if the town will take any action for the improvement of the acoustic properties of the Town Hall.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to take such action for the improvement of the acoustic properties of the Town Hall as they find can be done at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

ART. 36. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50) to grade the road-bed and sidewalks on Pleasant street between Otis and Vernon streets, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone this article.

A motion to reconsider prevailed, [yeas 63, nays 44], and it was then voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars [$50) to grade the road-bed and sidewalks on Pleasant street between Otis and Vernon streets.

ART. 37. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, to lay concrete sidewalks opposite the estates, whose owners will pay one-half of the expense of laying the same, or what they will do about it.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars [$1000] be raised and appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, to lay concrete sidewalks opposite the estates where the abuttors are willing to pay one-half of the expense of laying the same.

ART. 38. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) for the purpose of enforcing the liquor law.

Voted, That the subject of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 39. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to all temperance organizations of Wakefield.

Voted, That any action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 40. To see if the town will build a sidewalk from the residence of the late James Eustis to the residence of the late Luther Reed on Elm street, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone this article.

ART. 41. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to request the Eastern Railroad Company to open the original water course near the centre of the meadow east of Vernon street, or what they will do about it.

Voted, That this article be referred to the Selectmen, with instructions to request the Eastern Railroad Company to open the original water course near the centre of the meadow east of Vernon street.

ART. 42. To see if the town will authorize the sale of the Hearse-house, Hearse, and all articles pertaining to the same, or what they will do in relation to the matter.

Voted, That the subject of this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 43. To see if the town will grade pleasant street from Eaton to Salem streets, and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125) for that purpose, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone any action under this article.

ART. 44. For action under this article see page 7.

ART. 45. To see if the town will accept a donation of two hundred dollars ($200) from Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, said sum to be expended in decorating Memorial Hall.

Voted, That the town accept the donation of two hundred dollars [$200] from Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, and that the thanks of the town be extended to her for her liberal donation.

ART. 46. To see if the town will protect the shade-trees on Elm-street from canker-worms.

Voted, That the article be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

ART. 47. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for grading Mechanic street, and building sidewalks upon the same, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted, That this article be referred to the Highway Surveyor for the Centre District to take such action as he shall see fit.

ART. 48. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) to grade Highland street, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars [$150] to grade Highland street, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 49. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen with reference to the extension of Otis street, easterly to Vernon street, as petitioned for by O. V. Waterman and others.

The Report of the Selectmen for the extension of Otis street was submitted by James Oliver, Chairman of Board of Selectmen.

Voted, To accept and adopt the report.

(Report recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Page 61.)

ART. 50. To see what action the town will take in regard to procuring a keeper for the Town Farm, or what they will do about it.

Voted, That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor with discretionary authority.

Voted, On motion of J. M. Cate, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Board of Overseers do not hire a keeper of the Town Farm for the year succeeding their term of office, and that the Overseers be instructed not to appoint a Superintendent of the Town Farm before the second Monday of April.

ART. 51. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of moneys belonging to the town, the evidence of which is in the possession of citizens of the town, or what they will do about it.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone.

ART. 52. To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to place in every town warrant the article "To hear and act upon the reports of committees."

Voted, On motion of A. F. Hutchinson, that the Selectmen be instructed to place the article "To hear and act on Reports of Committees" in any warrant for a town meeting, except the annual meeting, or when the town shall direct a committee to report at a particular meeting, unless the committee give notice in season that they intend to report, and the subject they intend to report on. And the Selectmen shall name the committee, and the subject they intend to report on in the article.

ART. 53. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay Henry B. Waitt a bounty of one hundred dollars ($100) with interest, which he claims to be due him, for filling the quota of the town in the late rebellion, and appropriate money therefor, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted, That this subject be referred to the Selectmen, and that the town abide by their decision.

ART. 54. To see if the town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to employ with labor all able-bodied persons requiring assistance from the town, and authorize them to pay it from the appropriation for the poor, and charge it to them as so much labor performed, and not as given to paupers, or what will they do about it.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor have discretionary authority to use out of the regular appropriation the sum of three hundred dollars [$300] to be charged to account of wages in place of given to paupers.

ART. 55. To see what action the town will take in relation to paying a bounty of one hundred dollars ($100) to Henry H. Evans.

Voted, To refer this article to the Selectmen, and they to report thereon.

ART. 56. To hear and act upon reports of committees.

Voted, That all action under this article be deferred to the adjourned meeting.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it be for one week at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The following resolution was adopted by the town:

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession of all the ballots cast for town officers, and preserve the same for the space of three months.

On motion of John M. Cate it was voted that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to S. K. Hamilton, Moderator, for the very able and expeditious manner in which he has conducted the business of this meeting, and that he be paid ten dollars [$10] for his services.

At 12.10 o'clock A. M. April 6th, 1880, the chair declared the meeting adjourned until next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING, APRIL 12, 1880.

The meeting was called to order by S. K. Hamilton, Esq., Moderator, who proceeded to read the opinion of John P. Healy, Esq., in regard to the election of Overseers of the Poor.

BOSTON, April 10th, 1880.

SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, ESQ.

Dear Sir—Having fully considered the questions you proposed to me, respecting the balloting for Overseers of the Poor on the fifth instant in the town of Wakefield, I submit the following

OPINION:

When the town had revoked its acceptance of the provisions of May 4th, 1877, being Chapter 186 of the Acts of that year, it became its duty to elect Overseers of the Poor, in the same manner as if the acceptance had never been made, that is, to elect three persons for that office for the term of one year. An election could not be made for any longer term of either of the three. The adding of the words "for three years" after the name of the candidate voted for, has no legal significance whatever; they should be rejected as surplusage, and the ballot counted for the candidate borne thereon, as it would be if those words had not been added.

It was competent in the election of Overseers of the Poor

for any voter to cast his vote for one, two or three persons, and the vote must be counted for the person or persons voted for, though the number voted for be less than three.

Ballots bearing the initials only of the Christian name of a candidate are entitled to be counted.

My conclusion, therefore, is, that the three persons having the largest number of votes, to wit: Theodore E. Balch, John M. Cate and William G. Strong, were legally elected Overseers of the Poor for the coming year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. P. HEALY.

The Moderator then declared Messrs. Balch, Cate and Strong elected Overseers of the Poor for the current year.

The following resolution was offered by John A. Meloney and adopted by the town:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the town pay its laborers one dollar and seventy-five cents per day for labor upon the highway.

ART. 56 was then taken up, which was as follows: "To hear and act upon reports of committees."

On motion of W. F. Young it was voted to rescind the rule whereby we voted that no person be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, and not more than five minutes at a time. A motion was then offered to accept the report of the committee, who were charged with the duty of examining the past and present system of managing the Town Farm.

[This report was in printed form, and had been previously circulated through the town. As it was lengthy, we omit reprinting; it can be found on file in the Town Clerk's office]. Wm. F. Young then spoke in favor of the Report of the Committee for one hour and thirty minutes. A motion to amend was then offered by E. A. Upton, Esq., by adding thereto "The reply of the Overseers of the Poor to the Committee's Report. [This reply was also printed, and had received general circulation].

Mr. Upton then addressed the meeting in behalf of the reply of the Overseers of the Poor.

W. S. Greenough moved that the reports of the Committee and Overseers of the Poor be referred to a new committee, they to obtain all the facts in the case, and to report at a future meeting.

Mr. Low called for the previous question which was voted.

The motion of Mr. Greenough was lost, [yeas 78, nays 128.]

The amendment of Mr. Upton was lost [yeas 77, nays 113.]

The motion to accept the report of the Committee was then carried in the affirmative.

Voted, To adopt the report.

Voted, That the thanks of the town be extended to the Committee.

At 11.45 P. M. voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 2d, 1880.

PRESIDENTIAL AND STATE ELECTION.

The meeting was called to order by T. E. Balch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. After the reading of the warrant, prayer was offered by the Rev. R. R. Riddell.

The chair appointed Charles H. Davis and William H. Gray to assist in checking the names on the voting list.

Voted, That the polls be kept open until 4.45 o'clock P. M. and then be closed.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of ballots for the various officers named in the warrant.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

The Republican ticket, "Garfield and Arthur," .	625	votes
The Democratic " "Hancock and English," .	332	"
The Greenback " "Weaver and Chambers,"	41	"

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

Selwyn Z. Bowman of Somerville had . .	427	votes
Lucius Beebe of Wakefield	359	"
James N. Buffum of Lynn	37	"

FOR GOVERNOR.

John D. Long of Hingham had	623	votes
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester	357	"
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem	64	"

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Byron Weston of Dalton had	625	votes
Alpha E. Thompson of Woburn	360	"
George Dutton of Springfield	43	"

FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had	625	votes
Michael T. Donahoe of Somerville	363	"
Jonathan Arnold of North Abington	43	"

FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had	625	votes
Francis J. Parker of Newton	364	"
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham	43	"

FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had	625	votes
Charles R. Field of Greenfield	364	"
Charles F. Warner of Northampton	43	"

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

George Marston of New Bedford had	625	votes
Patrick A. Collins of Boston	363	"
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers	43	"

FOR COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

George Heywood of Concord had	625	votes
Daniel Wetherbee of Acton	364	"
Walter Raynor of Reading	42	"

FOR SHERIFF.

Eben W. Fiske of Waltham had	625	votes
Godfrey Ryder of Medford	364	"
Wm. H. Turner of Stoneham	43	"

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Wm. B. Stevens of Stoneham had	624	votes
James J. McCafferty of Lowell	362	"
Dean Dudley of Wakefield	43	"

FOR COUNTY COMMMISSIONER.

Harrison Harwood of Natick had	624	votes
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn	363	"
George W. Kimball of Natick	43	"

FOR SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Thomas Winship of Wakefield had	643	votes
George W. Norris of Woburn	342	"
Charles H. Lang of Reading	44	"

FOR SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Samuel Staples of Concord had	625	votes
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn	625	"
Lewis P. True of Everett	364	"
Clement Meserve of Hopkinton	364	"
John S. Verity of Cambridge	43	"
John C. Meehan of Woburn	43	"

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell had	625	votes
John Haskell Butler of Somerville	625	"
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer	625	"
James W. McDonald of Marlboro	364	"
John W. Bragdon of Medford	364	"
John H. Morrison of Lowell	364	"
Nathan Page Jr., of Wakefield	43	"
Abram Tyler of Hudson	43	"
Reuben Bacon of Bedford	43	"

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT.

Solon O. Richardson of Wakefield had	662	votes
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield	318	"
Wm. F. Young of Wakefield	64	"

MEETING FOR TOWN BUSINESS AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

James Oliver was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the jury list as prepared by the Selectmen.

The jury list as prepared by the Selectmen was read by the Chairman and adopted by the town. [For list of jurors as adopted see page 5.]

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the committee upon lighting the Town Hall.

The committee appointed to report to the town a better method of lighting the Town Hall reported as follows:

REPORT.

The committee appointed at the last town meeting to report on the best method of improving the present system of illuminating the Town Hall report as follows:

They learn that originally the hall had over two hundred

burners, which were changed and reduced to the present number of about sixty burners, which your committee consider was too large a reduction for the proper illumination of the hall; and they recommend that an additional number of fifteen burners be placed at each of the four corners of the fresco directly under the ventilators, which will not only aid to the better illumination of the hall, but will assist to improve its ventilation. They also recommend that the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars [$125] be appropriated to pay the expense of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS BEEBE,
JOHN PURINGTON,
JAMES F. EMERSON, } *Committee.*

Voted, That the report be accepted and adopted.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Collector of Taxes, to have an examination made of the titles and assessments of real estate to be sold for the payment of taxes, before making a sale of the same, for the purpose of preventing a defective title being given under such sale.

Voted, To pass this article over.

ART. 5. To see if the town will purchase one or more lots in Lakeside Cemetery as a burial place for Union soldiers, to be called "The Soldiers Lot," and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) to cover the expense of the same.

Voted, That a committee of six be appointed by the Chair, three of whom shall represent the citizens of the town, and three who are ex-soldiers, with authority to purchase one or more lots in Lakeside Cemetery as a burial place for Union soldiers, at an expense not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars ($120), and that that sum be appropriated by the town, (yeas 108, nays 6.)

The Chair appointed as this committee W. S. Greenough, Azel Ames, Jr., Geo. H. Teague, Geo. H. Sweetser, B. B. Burbank, Geo. H. Towle.

ART. 6. To see if the town will choose a committee with instructions to consider the matter of a proper limitation of the fishing privileges on Lake Quannapowitt, when the same shall be opened for fishing; and also to prepare, with the approval of the State Commissioners, suitable rules providing for such limitation, and report them to the town for consideration and adoption, at its annual meeting in April A. D. 1881.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to prepare suitable rules to regulate the fishing privileges in Lake Quannapowitt, when the same shall be opened for fishing, and to report to the town at the April meeting.

The chair appointed on this committee Oscar I. Stowell, J. Henry Cartland, Samuel Parker, Jr., James H. Carter, Wm. S. Greenough.

At 10.50 o'clock P. M. the meeting was dissolved.

TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 24th, 1881.

ART. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

J. C. Hartshorne was elected Moderator, but declined serving. Afterwards W. S. Greenough was elected.

ART. 2. To see if the town will increase in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, the amount of appropriation for the payment of miscellaneous expenses for the current year, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) be appropriated to increase the appropriation for the payment of miscellaneous expenses, (yeas 72, nays 56).

ART. 3. To see if the town will increase in the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) the amount of appropriation for the support of the poor for the current year, or what action they will take in the matter.

Voted, That an additional sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) be appropriated for the support of the poor for the current year.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1880–1.

For Town Debt,			$5,000 00
Interest on Town Debt,			6,000 00
Support of Schools,			11,500 00
School Contingent Fund,			1,000 00
Painting School Houses,			500 00
Support of the Poor,	Regular, $5,000 Additional, $1,000		6,000 00
" " Fire Department,			2,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers,			2,325 00
Expense of Street Lamps,			1,000 00
Town House Expenses,			1,000 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	Regular, $2,500 Add'nl, $1,500		4,000 00
Highways and Bridges,			3,000 00
Support of Beebe Town Library,	$300 00		
Also, Dog-tax of 1879–80,	234 84		
			534 84
Memorial Day,			150 00
Publishing Valuation List,			300 00
Concrete Sidewalks,			1,000 00
New Park Improvements,	300 00		
Also, sale of grass,	41 00		
			341 00
Pleasant Street Extension,			50 00
Highland Street,			150 00
Otis Street,			300 00
Injunction Expenses, C. Wakefield Engine Co.			125 00
Expenses of Fish Committee,			20 00
Soldiers' Burial Lots,			120 00
Re-lighting Town Hall,			125 00
Total,			$46,540 84

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation authorized, . . . $11,500 00

Expended as follows:

Teachers' Salaries.

Paid	Abbott Sanford, Principal High School,	$1,092 08
	Martha Keith, Assistant " "	602 50
	Lucy P. Greenough, " " "	411 68
	M. E. Wentworth, Advanced Grammar,	663 54
	Abbie S. Perkins, First "	533 55
	Alice Freeman, Ass't do. "	120 83
	Frederick S. Cutter, Second "	788 29
	M. Annie Warren, Third "	472 08
	Alice Field, First Intermediate,	239 08
	Clara E. Emerson, Second "	361 50
	Alice G. Currier, Third "	349 50
	Alice A. Alexander " "	9 00
	Myra A. Stearns, First Primary,	361 50
	M. I. Hersey, Second "	323 32
	Addie F. Smith, " "	39 17
	George F. Wilson, Music Teacher,	451 24
	Alice Field, Franklin Intermediate,	142 51
	Sarah C. Hervey, " "	239 08
	Emma L. Upham, " Primary,	126 00
	Eva E. Howlett, " "	226 50
	Francella M. Evans, North,	381 59
	Annie R. Killoran, East,	381 59
	Nellie A. Miller, West Intermediate,	361 50
	L. J. Mansfield, " Primary,	361 50
	Mary J. George, Greenwood,	114 01
	Hattie M. Tucker, "	28 50
	Eliza J. D. Kennard, "	123 50
	Mary F. French, "	114 00
	Clara J. Coney, Woodville,	135 00
	Kate L. Brown, "	226 50
	Total for salaries,	$9,780 64

Janitors' Services.

Paid	W. H. Wiley High School Building, .	$190 00
	Geo. E. Gamage, Centre District, . .	180 00
	W. C. Perkins, North " . .	44 00
	F. L. Knight, East " . .	39 84
	W. W. Bessey, West " . .	80 00
	I. F. Sheldon, South " . .	37 50
	H. F. Abbott, Franklin " . .	30 00
	Hiram P. Hill, " " . .	50 00
	James Brown, Woodville " . .	29 00
	George E. Gamage, " " . .	16 00
	Total for janitors, . . .	$696 34

Fuel Account.

Paid	Geo. S. Delano of Stoneham,	
	50 tons, 990 lbs. Furnace Coal, $6.00 .	$302 97
	81 " 590 " Egg " $6.00 .	487 77
	James J. Mansfield, .	
	5 cords Pine Wood, $4.50 .	22 50
	3 1-2 " Oak " $6.50 .	22 75
	George W. Aborn,	
	1-2 Cord Hard and Pine (sawed)	3 75
	John Kelley, Preparing Fuel, . .	3 25
	Moses G. Hobson, " " . . .	3 25
	W. W. Bessey, " " . . .	3 50
	Geo. E Gamage, " " . . .	2 83
	Wm. H. Wiley, " " . . .	2 50
	W. C. Perkins, " " . . .	3 08
	Hiram P. Hill, " " . . .	3 00
	Total Fuel Account, . . .	$861 15

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation brought forward, . . .		$11,500 00
Expended:		
Teachers' Salaries, . .	$9,780 64	
Janitor's Services, . .	696 34	
Fuel Account, . . .	861 15	
Total, . . .	———	11,338 13
Balance unexpended, ...		$161 87

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR PAINTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$500 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Albon W. Parker of Melrose, as per contract, as follows, viz.:	
High School Building, ...	187 00
" " " extra coat, . .	125 00
Old High School Building, . . .	57 00
Intermediate " " (Centre) . .	67 00
Franklin " " . . . ,	68 00
North " "	47 00
East " "	47 00
West " "	47 00
South " "	43 00
Woodville, " "	49 00
Total, ...	$737 00

Balance overdrawn $237, has been paid into the Town Treasury by the School Committee out of funds in their hands.

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$1,000	00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Edward E. Lee, Books and Supplies, . .	170	19
Wm. Ware & Co., Supplies, . . .	31	80
J. L. Hammett, Supplies, . . .	37	52
H. B. & W. O. Chamberlin, Supplies, .	17	17
Gunn & Heath, Supplies, . . .	6	83
S. Thaxter & Son, Supplies, . . .	47	50
Doane & Greenough, Stationery and Printing,	55	00
C. W. Eaton, Printing, ...	38	75
Boston School Supply Co., Supplies, . .	5	55
New England School Fur'ng Co., Registers,	7	20
Wakefield Rattan Co., Mats, . . .	5	60
John W. Locke, Stamps, &c., . . .	8	15
A. H. Davenport, Furniture, . . .	82	00
William Gooch, Tuning Pianos, . .	4	00
American Bank Note Co., Printing Diplomas,	10	00
G. C. Cannon, Writing Diplomas,	6	00
M. E. Tyler, Copying Examinations, . .	3	00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., to Sept. 1st, . .	4	90
S. F. Littlefield & Co., Stoves and Repairs, .	169	91
J. B. Wiley, Repairs, ...	7	25
Geo. H. Teague, "	48	43
H. L. Haskell, "	54	23
Dennis Greany, "	10	07
B. W. Oliver, "	1	50
Roger Howard, "	8	37
Bacon & Sweetser, "	6	40
Z. F. Fairbanks, "	6	00
Daniel Goss & Co., "	17	59
J. H. Wentworth, Repairing Pumps, . .	5	00
John P. Dodge, Repairing Clocks, . .	1	00
B. F. Abbott, " " . .	1	50
Amount carried forward, . . .	$878	41

Amount brought forward,	$878 41
Paid L. F. Linnell, Express,	6 10
J. H. Eaton, "	25
W. N. Tyler, Sundries,	2 13
W. A. Cutter & Co., "	1 36
Cutler Bros., "	75
C. B. Deming, "	15 17
E. J. D. Kennard, "	1 05
Abbott Sanford, "	5 00
J. J. Mansfield, Lime,	2 30
Thomas W. Purdy, Taking Census,	25 00
W. W. Bessey, Extra Labor and Sundries,	8 50
Geo. E. Gamage, " " "	34 35
W. H. Wiley, " " "	8 05
I. F. Sheldon, " " "	1 70
F. L. Knight, " " "	1 00
James Westgate, Lumber, " "	4 08
Total,	$995 20
Balance unexpended,	4 80
Balance,	$1,000 00

T. E. Balch, Treasurer of School Board, reports as follows in reference to cash balance of last year:

Balance in hands of Committee as per report,	$300 33
Rec'd from Town Treasurer, Mass. State Fund,	184 52
Rec'd from Geo. W. Aborn,	2 70
Total,	$487 55
Paid to Town Treasurer the amount overdrawn on Appropriation for Painting Buildings,	237 00
Cash balance in hands of committee, March 1, 1881,	$250 55

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Regular appropriation in April, 1880, . .	$5,000 00
Additional " " January, 1881, .	1,000 00
Total, ...	$6,000 00

Heretofore the money from this appropriation has been drawn by the Board of Overseers and been disbursed by them. This year, however, the bills have been approved by the Board, and then presented at the regular meetings of the Selectmen, who have drawn orders for them the same as for bills of other departments. Following is a list of such bills in the order they have been paid. For a classified and itemized report see as in previous years the regular Report of the Overseers.—[AUDITORS.]

Date.	To Whom Paid.	On What Account.	Amount.
April 15,	Paid W. L. Griffin,	Supplies previous to April 12th,	$44 66
"	J. J. Mansfield,	Fuel, to various persons in March,	16 60
"	S. E. Benson,	" " "	6 80
22,	T. E. Balch,	Settlement with J. Tuttle,	79 17
May 6,	Jonathan Nichols,	Rent of B. Derby,	9 00
"	Jerry Cronan,	Labor 5 days,	8 75
"	C. H. Patch,	Supplies previous to April 10th,	29 23
13,	Cyrus Kimball,	Board of Gertie Fehan,	11 00
"	Patrick Shaughnessy,	Watching with J. Reardon,	1 50
"	Frank Brown,	Labor 3 days,	2 25
"	J. J. Mansfield,	half cord Wood, J. Kelly,	2 00
"	W. D. Deadman,	Provisions March and April,	42 43
"	Edward E. Lee,	Book and Stationery,	3 22
"	Journal News Co.,	Daily paper,	1 13
20,	A. S. Atherton,	Goods to Mrs. C. C. L. Butler,	15 75
"	Mary Brennan,	Labor, washing, &c.,	7 33
"	Schlegel, Everett & Co.,	Garden seeds,	2 40
"	Mrs. Josephine Sweetser,	Support,	26 00
"	Parker & Gannett,	Garden seeds,	2 62
"	Mrs. Hannah Carey,	Support,	4 00
"	Jonathan Nichols,	B. Derby's house rent,	1 50
"	N. Little & Co.,	Blank books, &c.,	10 44
Amount carried forward,			$327 78

	Amount brought forward,	$327 78
May 20,	W. W. Chesley, Supplies to P. Weston,	10 00
27,	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, Account insane,	142 21
"	Asylum for Chronic Insane, " "	122 61
"	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, " "	47 98
"	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Support,	20 00
"	George A. Jones, Pigs,	48 18
"	C. A. Parsons, Grain,	20 00
"	J. J. Mansfield, 1 Cask Lime,	1 20
"	R. M. Pulsifer & Co., Advertising in Herald,	1 00
"	J. R. Mansfield, M. D., Professional services,	3 50
"	Henry L. Haskell, Pastry board,	75
"	C. B. Deming, Furniture,	70 25
"	A. S. Atherton, Supplies to various persons,	20 08
"	M. S. Southworth, Rent of P. Weston,	6 00
June 3,	Mrs. R. L. Stickney, Support,	13 00
"	James W. Dean, Supplies to Mrs. McDougal,	32 50
"	W. A. Cutter & Co., Goods to J. Kelly, July, 1879,	2 00
"	Thomas Dana & Co., Kerosene oil,	4 26
"	Jerry Cronin, Labor,	12 25
"	Peak Brothers, Undertakers' supplies,	3 50
"	W. G. Skinner, 2d, Conveying body,	5 00
"	Boston & Maine Railroad, Freight on grain,	1 20
"	M. M. Sherman, Manure,	1 50
"	R. W. Cuff, Repairing harnesses,	7 00
"	Nora Dennehy, Trade in stock,	8 50
"	Danvers State Hospital, Account insane,	203 71
10,	James Westgate, Lumber,	12 30
"	C. W. Eaton, Printing and order book,	13 75
17,	J. R. Mansfield, M. D., Professional services,	8 00
"	A. Glass, 3 Hogs,	23 00
"	Miller Bros. & Co., Undertakers' supplies,	15 00
"	John A. Melony, " services,	8 00
"	Daniel Goss & Co., Repairs and supplies,	28 87
"	J. C. Rounds, Sundries,	12 12
"	Ames Plow Co., Tools,	2 33
"	Edward Butler, Cow,	50 00
"	Barnard Derby, Board of daughter,	7 50
"	J. R. Mansfield, M. D., Professional services,	2 00
24,	Cutler Bros., Supplies in Feb. and March,	117 36
"	" " " " sundry persons,	21 00
"	T. O. W. Houghton, Sundries,	2 00
"	S. F. Littlefield & Co., Labor and supplies,	9 45
	Amount carried forward,	$1,468 64

	Amount brought forward,		$1,468 64
July	1,	Timothy Connell, Labor at farm,	20 00
	"	Seavey & Co., Tinware,	3 00
	"	Cunningham's Express,	2 00
	"	Cutler Bros., Supplies to various persons March & Ap'l.	58 88
	"	" " " " " farm,	34 35
	"	J. C. Rounds, Keeper 2 months to June 27,	58 33
	"	Ira Atkinson, Supplies,	31 26
	8,	Wm. H. Piper, Medicine,	1 20
	"	Charles Jordan, M. D., Professional services,	10 00
	"	W. M. Stocker, Clothing for J. Mertens,	3 75
	"	" " Cotton for hay caps,	11 60
	"	T. O. W. Houghton, Cow and calf,	50 00
	"	Highland Piggery, Pig,	6 00
	"	W. G. Strong, Sundry expense,	7 38
	"	Mrs. J. Carey, Support,	4 00
	"	Francis Sherin, Shoes Mrs. J. Madden,	3 75
	15,	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, Account insane,	90 38
	"	Taunton " " " "	49 14
	"	J. &. S. Winship, Repair of wagons,	8 00
	"	C. A. Parsons, Grain,	8 00
	"	John A. Meloney, Undertakers' services,	8 00
	"	Geo. W. Aborn, Fuel to Mrs. Butler,	3 50
	"	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Support,	20 00
	"	Mrs. John Laird, Services as nurse and expenses,	50 00
	"	Mrs. John M. Cate, Provisions,	17 73
	"	John M. Cate, Agent, Fuel to Mrs. C. C. L. Butler,	2 50
	"	Mrs. J. Carey, Support,	4 00
	"	Old Colony Railroad Co., Transportation of body,	1 85
	"	Asylum for Chronic Insane, Account insane,	116 43
	"	Danvers State Hospital, " "	242 51
	"	City of Lawrence, Aid to Mary Cullen,	33 00
	"	Charles H. Patch, Supplies,	2 20
	"	Samuel Emmons, Support,	5 00
	29,	J. J. Mansfield, Fuel to S. Emmons,	5 25
Aug.	5,	Mrs. Josephine Sweetser, Support,	26 00
	"	Timothy Connell, Labor,	20 00
	"	J. L. Fairbanks & Co., Register,	7 00
	"	M. C. Warren & Co., Hardware,	4 35
	"	Ames Plow Co., Wheelbarrow,	2 70
	"	Mrs. John M. Cate, Clothing to sundry persons,	2 40
	"	John M. Cate, Sundry expense,	1 95
	12,	City of Worcester, Aid to A. L. Heath,	6 90
	Amount carried forward,		$2,512 93

	Amount brought forward,	$2,512 93
Aug. 12,	Hannah J. Carey, Support,	4 00
"	Barnard Derby, Board of daughter,	12 00
"	W. J. Howland, Medicines,	85
"	James Westgate, Lumber,	20 24
19,	City of Lawrence, Aid to Mary Cullen,	4 00
"	Geo. T. McLaughlin, Pump and pipe,	41 14
"	W. L. Griffin, Supplies,	40 07
26,	Daniel Goss & Co., Labor on pump,	3 93
"	Wm. Sweeney, for digging grave,	2 00
"	Peak Bros., Undertakers' supplies,	7 25
"	Mrs. R. L. Stickney, Support,	13 00
Sept. 2,	A. S. Atherton, Supplies to sundry persons,	50 25
"	Martin Donahoe, Labor $18.50, less orders $13.73,	4 77
"	W. G. Skinner, 2d, Hack at funeral,	5 00
"	Timothy Connell, Labor,	21 54
"	John Swinerton, Cow,	50 00
"	John M. Cate, Agent, Provisions to M. Donahoe,	95
9,	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Support,	20 00
"	W. J. Moulton, Repairs,	12 50
"	Lucius Beebe, Rent for P. Weston,	6 00
"	J. C. Rounds, Keeper 2 months to Aug. 27,	58 33
"	Town of Watertown, Aid to T. R. Blackney,	194 27
30,	James W. Dean, Supplies to Mrs. McDougal,	32 50
"	Geo. W. Aborn, Fuel to sundry persons,	9 25
"	Wm. H. Piper, Medicines,	4 15
"	John Briggs & Co., Paints, oils, &c.,	13 40
"	Everett W. Eaton, Groceries, &c.,	67 19
"	S. W. Abbott, M. D., Professional services,	3 75
Oct. 7,	W. H. Godfrey Fish, &c.,	8 02
"	John A. Meloney, Burial of Mary Welsh,	23 00
14,	Mason & Bridge, Repairs,	54 47
"	C. A. Parsons, Grain,	21 00
"	Barnard Derby, Board of daughter,	13 50
"	J. J. Mansfield, Fuel to Mrs. Madden,	3 50
"	J. R. Mansfield, M. D., Professional services,	1 25
"	C. W. Eaton, Advertising,	1 00
28,	Barry & Mayo, 12 tons 600 lbs. coal, at $5.00,	61 50
"	Mrs. R. L. Stickney, Support,	13 00
"	Danvers State Hospital, Account insane,	264 37
"	Taunton Lunatic " " "	44 49
"	Asylum for Chronic Insane, " "	100 73
"	Worcester Lunatic Hospital " "	85 70
	Amount carried forward,	$3,910 79

	Amount brought forward,		$3,910 79
Nov.	4,	Mrs. Josephine Sweetser, Support,	26 00
	"	C. W. Eaton, Att'y, Rent of S. Emmons,	6 00
	"	J. J. Mansfield, Fuel to Mrs. Donahoe,	1 75
	"	John Briggs & Co., Paints, oils, &c.,	21 77
	11,	Chas. Jordan, M. D., Professional services,	10 00
	"	J. C. Rounds, Keeper 2 months to Oct. 27,	58 33
	"	C. D. Billings, Cow,	50 00
	"	S. W. Whitney, Support,	9 00
	"	Frederick C. Carr, "	6 00
	"	Cyrus Kimball, Board of Gertie Fehan,	26 00
	18,	W. G. Skinner, Burial of Henry Tirrell,	19 40
	"	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Support,	20 00
	"	John A. Meloney, Funeral of Mrs. Carey,	6 00
	"	John A. Blunt, Blacksmith,	6 75
	24,	S. W. Whitney, Support,	12 00
	"	Daniel Goss & Co., Stove and repairs,	30 90
Dec.	9,	C. W. Eaton, Attorney, Rent of S. Emmons,	6 00
	"	W. A. Cutter & Co., Groceries, &c., on orders,	33 00
	"	Francis Sherin, Shoes, " "	7 20
	"	Town Farm, Fuel to Jane Kelley,	3 25
	"	S. W. Abbott, M. D., Professional services,	1 25
	16,	W. L. Griffin, Supplies to Mrs. McAvoy,	26 00
	"	W. V. Taylor, Provisions,	23 49
	"	W. A. Cutter & Co., Groceries,	43 26
	"	Barnard Derby, Board of daughter,	13 50
	"	M. A. Chesley, Supplies to P. Weston,	5 00
	23,	Cutler Brothers, " " sundry persons,	64 00
	"	S. W. Whitney, Support,	12 00
	"	Mrs. C. C. L. Butler, "	10 00
	"	A. S. Atherton, Supplies,	25 01
	30,	Cutler Bros., "	176 01
	"	E. W. Eaton, "	4 00
	"	James W. Dean, " to Mrs. McDougal,	32 50
	"	H. L. Day, Crackers at Police Station,	2 70
1881.			
Jan.	6,	S. F. Littlefield & Co., Hardware, &c.,	26 92
	"	Ira Atkinson, Supplies,	63 40
	"	J. D. Mansfield, M. D., Prof. services and medicines,	54 55
	"	C. O. Anderson, House furnishing goods,	28 08
	"	Everett W. Eaton, Groceries, &c.,	22 68
	13,	Mrs. C. C. L. Butler, Support,	8 00
	20,	J. J. Mansfield, Fuel sundry persons,	43 75
	Amount carried forward,		$4,956 24

Amount brought forward		$4,956 24
"	H. L. Day, Crackers, &c.,	6 02
"	J. R. Mansfield, M. D., Professional services,	8 25
"	Cutler Bros., Supplies J. T. B. Hall,	2 50
27,	Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Support,	20 00
"	S. W. Whitney, "	12 00
Feb. 3,	Danvers Lunatic Hospital, Account insane,	226 69
"	Asylum for Chronic Insane, " "	97 68
"	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, " "	85 48
"	W. D. Deadman, Provisions, &c.,	46 80
"	James Westgate, Lumber,	40 51
"	J. J. Mansfield, Fuel to Mary Regan,	3 00
"	C. O. Anderson, Dry goods,	5 18
"	Mrs. C. C. L. Butler, Support,	8 00
"	Emeline S. Sprague, "	2 00
"	Josephine Sweetser, "	26 00
10,	Emeline S. Sprague, "	2 00
"	Mrs. J. M. Cate, Rent of Peter Casey,	7 50
"	Chas. Jordan, M. D., Professional services,	2 50
"	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, Account insane,	44 27
17,	Barnard Derby, Board of daughter,	13 50
"	S. W. Whitney, Support,	12 00
"	Emeline S. Sprague, "	2 00
24,	A. S. Atherton, Supplies to sundry persons,	71 00
"	W. G. Strong, Sundry expense,	10 06
"	J. J. Mansfield, Fuel to sundry persons,	56 12
"	Ira Atkinson, Supplies,	2 00
"	E. C. Williams, Manure,	10 00
"	Richard Britton, Boots and shoes,	7 75
"	Emeline S. Sgrague, Support,	5 00
"	Mrs. C. C. L. Butler, "	8 00
"	Charles Jordan, M. D., Professional services,	2 50
"	W. A. Chesley, Supplies P. Weston,	5 00
"	Howard Emerson, Supplies.	25 88
"	W. V. Taylor, Provisions,	11 69
"	Town of Northbridge, Aid to Moses Barnes,	52 00
"	Cutler Bros., Supplies,	86 14
"	Daniel Goss & Co., Repairs,	1 88
"	W. A. Cutter & Co., Supplies,	18 00
"	Joseph Connell, Sundries,	3 00
	Total paid out,	$6,006 14
	Balance overdrawn,	6 14
		$6,000 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$2,000 00
Expended as follows:	

Yale Engine Co.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1880, . .	655 73
J. H. Emerson, Steward's Services, . .	29 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., from June 1, '79 to Aug. 1, '80, ...	24 15
Andrew Young, use of horses in 1879, . .	36 00
J. & S. Winship, Repairs, ...	3 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., Repairs and Sundries	4 74
Total, ...	$752 62

C. Wakefield Engine Co.

Paid Geo. I. Oliver, Steward's Services, . .	$12 50
C. H. Hart, Grading, ...	5 00
Abram Gould, Rent of land, . . .	12 00
Geo. W. Aborn, Fuel, ...	6 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., Repairs, . . .	75
Total, ...	$36 25

Chemical Engine Co.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1880, . .	$174 75
Justin Howard, Steward Services. . .	27 75
" " Sundries, ...	20
Charles Jordan, Rent 1 year to Aug. 15, 1880,	50 00
Geo. W. Aborn, Fuel, ...	7 70
S. F. Littlefield & Co., Pails, . . .	2 25
H. N. Winslow, Teaming, ...	6 00
Total, ...	$268 65

Washington Hook and Ladder Co.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st 1880,	$270 80
Warren Institution for Savings, Rent from Jan. 1st, 1880, to Jan. 1, 1881,	120 00
Fred Emerson, Steward's Services,	24 60
Henry Davis, Use of Horses,	9 00
D. P. Mason, Repairs,	1 25
J. & S. Winship, "	4 50
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	1 25
Citizen's Gas Light Co., Gas,	2 10
Total,	$433 50

Sundry Other Expenses.

Paid Hunneman & Co., Sundries and Repairs,	$74 40
J. H. Emerson, Ringing bell,	3 00
Zenas Perkins, Repairing Reservoir Covers,	3 00
Smith & Anthony Co., " "	14 37
James Lahey, Repairing " "	6 00
J. H. Eaton, Care of Reservoirs,	10 00
J. H. Eaton, Expressing,	3 30
C. B. Deming, Carpet Sweeper,	2 75
C. A. Perkins, Watching,	2 00
Total,	$118 82

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co.,	$752 62
C. Wakefield Co.,	36 25
Chemical Engine Co.,	268 65
Washington Hook and Ladder Co.,	433 50
Sundry other expenses	118 82
Total expended,	$1,609 84
Balance unexpended,	390 16
	$2,000 00

The balance of $20.92 in hands of C. H. Davis, Chief Engineer, as per report last year has been disbursed by him as follows, viz.:

Paid Z. F. Fairbanks, Labor at Yale House, .	17 10
C. H. Davis, " " " " . .	3 82
Total, ...	$20 92

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized, ...		$2,325 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Board of Auditors, 1879-80, . . .		$100 00
" Selectmen, 1880-81, . . .		400 00
" Assessors, "		350 00
" Overseers of Poor, ...		150 00
" School Committee, ...		200 00
" Fire Engineers, ...		75 00
C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, . . .		100 00
J. F. Emerson, Treasurer, 1879-80, . .		50 00
" " " 1880-81, . .		50 00
Richard Britton, Collector, on acct. 1880, .		300 00
" " " in full, 1878, .		100 00
" " " " 1879, .		100 00
Constables and Police as follows, viz:		
C. H. Davis, Constable, . .	$30 55	
" " Police, to April 1, '80,	20 00	
W. H. Gray, Police, (Chief) .	77 37	
J. A. Meloney, " . . .	63 37	
Geo. E. Gamage, Police, . .	30 65	
Orrin C. Potter " . .	32 40	
R. L. Cooper, " . .	13 87	
John McMahan, " . .	28 80	
Amounts carried forward, . .	$297 01	$1,975 00

Amounts brought forward,	$297 01	$1,975 00
John Drugan, "	12 20	
Israel A. Parsons, "	4 25	
John F. Whiting, "	5 75	
Total,		$319 21
Total expended		$2,294 21
Balance unexpended,		30 79
		$2,325 00

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,	$1000 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., for gas,	$423 48
T. H. Reagan, lighting,	219 20
I. F. Sheldon, " and supplies	100 00
" " repairs,	6 67
Henry Phelps, lighting and supplies,	12 50
L. J. Descalzo, repairs,	9 28
Z. F. Fairbanks, "	9 67
J. & S. Winship, "	75
W. A. Cutter & Co., supplies,	1 35
Cutler Bros., "	28 29
J. H. Eaton, expressing,	4 50
B. P. Bowman, lanterns,	17 75
Nathaniel Tufts, lamp posts,	30 00
Total expended,	$863 44
Balance unexpended,	136 56
	$1000 00

SUPPORT OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Regular appropriation,	$300 00
Dog Tax of 1879-80,	234 84
Total,	$534 84
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treas. of Board of Trustees, as per receipts,	534 84

For expenditures see Trustees' Report.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation authorized,	$150 00
Paid M. M. Sherman, Qu'rmaster Post 12, G.A.R.,	150 00

TOWN HOUSE EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized,	$1000 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., to Feb. 1,	$373 80
C. H. Davis, Janitor,	242 00
J. J. Mansfield, 30 1-4 tons coal at $6.00,	181 50
Z. F. Fairbanks, painting Library,	10 00
" " repairs,	50
Dennis Greany, "	2 50
J. F. Woodward & Son, "	2 95
L. J. Descalzo, "	4 45
John Palmer, "	4 70
W. H. Gray, "	2 50
H. L. Haskell, "	4 50
Daniel Goss & Co., "	1 25
Amount carried forward,	$830 65

Amount brought forward,		$830 65
Paid S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs,	12 38
B. F. Abbott,	" clocks,	2 50
F. J. Bancroft,	" piano,	5 50
C. H. Davis,	sundries,	6 95
Cutler Bros.,	"	11 76
Geo. W. Aborn,	coal and kindlings,	10 25
J. J. Mansfield,	two cords wood,	10 00
Total expended,		$889 99
Balance unexpended,		110 01
		$1000 00

PUBLISHING VALUATION LIST.

Appropriation authorized,	$300 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid James Oliver, preparing list for printer,	$20 00
C. F. Hartshorne, " " "	36 00
C. W. Eaton, printing 1500 copies, as per contract,	267 50
Total,	$323 50
Balance overdrawn, carried to Miscellaneous Expenses,	23 50
	$300 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized in April, 1880,	$2500 00
" " " January, 1881,	1500 00
Total,	$4000 00

Expended as follows:

Military Aid. Law of 1878-9.

Paid Nelson Gammans,	$168 00
John J. Kelley,	120 00
Hannibal Nichols,	120 00
Patrick Fay,	120 00
Thomas Twisden,*	133 00
Charles E. Tucker,*	99 99
Daniel E. Shannahan,	96 00
Timothy Haggerty,	99 00
Peter Connell,	96 00
Elbridge A. Wiley,	80 00
Edward McGee,	70 00
Andrew Mellen,*	10 00
Total,	$1,211 99

*Died during the year.

NOTE.—One half of the above amount refunded by the State.

NIGHT WATCH.

Paid John F. Whiting to Feb. 1st,	$720 00
John A. Meloney, to Jan. 19th,	383 00
Total,	$1,103 00

Richardson Light Guard.

Paid Warren Institution for Savings, rent from Dec. 1st 1879 to Dec. 1st 1880, . .	$300 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., from Jan. 1, 1880, to Feb. 1, 1881, ...	123 55
George W. Aborn, fuel, ...	14 85
Amateur Rifle Association, use of range, .	25 00
Total, ...	$463 40

Note.—One quarter's rent to March 1st is now due and unpaid, amounting to $75. The amount paid for rent is refunded by the State.

Printing, Stationery, Etc.

Paid C. W. Eaton, P'tg Town Reports, 1879-80,	$287 00
" " " Com. Report on Town Farm,	32 00
" " sundry printing and advt'g,	187 42
Doane & Greenough, books and stationery, .	55 85
John W. Locke, stamps, &c., . . .	7 99
Edward E. Lee, pens, ...	70
Little, Brown & Co., supplement to Gen. Stat.,	2 50
Total	$573 46

Town Officers' Account.

Paid C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, for recording statistics for 1880, ...	$63 80
C. F. Hartshorne, sealer of w'ts and measures,	10 00
" " preparing valuation list for State, ...	40 00
James Oliver, preparing valuation list for State,	15 00
Amount carried forward, ...	$128 80

Amount brought forward, . . .	$128 80
Paid W. H. Wiley, truant officer to May 1, 1880,	25 00
Israel A. Parsons, truant officer 2 months, .	4 00
Oliver Walton, for return of deaths, . .	15 25
Wm. G. Skinner, " " " . .	5 50
John A. Meloney, " " " . .	3 50
A. S. Atherton, sundries, ...	5 98
T. E. Balch, "	7 01
S. K. Hamilton, services as Moderator, .	10 00
C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk's sundries, .	4 85
Total, ...	$209 89

LEGAL SERVICES.

Paid John P. Healy, opinion on election of Overseers of the Poor, ...	$5 00
C. W. Eaton, searching records and making abstracts for Assessors, . . .	59 35
S. K. Hamilton, services case Coombs *v.* Town,	75 00
S. K. Hamilton, services E. H. Walton *v.* Town,	15 00
S. K. Hamilton, examination of records and facts, Waitt *v.* Town for bounty, . .	20 00
S. K. Hamilton, examination Evans *v.* Town for bounty, ...	20 00
S. K. Hamilton, examination of law and facts in matter of S. O. Richardson's claim for damages on highway, . .	10 00
Total, ...	$204 35

PERTAINING TO HIGHWAYS.

Paid balance overdrawn on highway reserve, .	$32 11
W. B. Ellis, concrete gutters, &c., . .	37 67
Amount carried forward, ...	$69 78

Amount brought forward, . . .	$69 78
Paid W. B. Ellis, overdrawn on concrete sidewalks	10 16
" " amount due from abuttors (since paid and refunded to Treasurer), . .	47 81
H. L. Haskell, surveying concrete walks, .	7 50
J. A. Bancroft, " Greenwood street,	10 00
P. B. Teed, care of trees, ...	25 01
Pennoyer & Blake, labor Ezra Eaton lot, .	10 00
Oliver Walton, labor Old Cemetery, . .	5 57
Michael Foley, cleaning drain, . . .	20 00
C. F. Hartshorne, auctioneer, selling grass, .	5 00
H. L. Haskell, repairing band stand and fence,	3 00
Levi Flanders, labor Park Extension, . .	4 00
Total, ...	$217 83

DEFECTIVE TAX TITLES.

Paid A. V. Lynde, defective tax titles, . .	$63 37
W. K. Perkins, " " . . .	170 82
John H. Stark, " " . . .	55 25
Total, ...	$289 44

INCIDENTALS.

Paid balance overdrawn on appropriation for Publishing valuation list, . . .	$23 50
Issachar Stowell, witness fees of various persons in case of C. Wakefield Engine Co. injunction, ...	50 00
Joshua Perham, circulating town reports, .	8 00
George E. Davis, " valuation list, .	8 00
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell for town meetings,	2 00
" " " " " 4th July, .	2 50
R. H. Mitchell, " " " " " .	2 50
Amount carried forward, . . .	$96 50

Amount brought forward, . . .	$96 50
Paid John P. Lovell & Sons, clubs for police, .	4 50
Henry Davis, teaming, ...	2 95
J. & S. Winship, repairs of hearse, . .	24 00
" " "	1 50
C. H. Davis, sundries, ...	4 60
W. H. Gray, meals for prisoners, . .	6 50
J. E. Abbott, examination of horse, . .	5 00
Total, ...	$145 55

RECAPITULATION.

For Military aid, ...	$1,211 99
Night watch, ...	1,103 00
Richardson Light Guard, . . .	463 40
Printing, stationery, &c., . . .	573 46
Town officers' account, . . .	209 89
Legal services, ...	204 35
Pertaining to highways, . . .	217 83
Defective tax titles, ...	289 44
Incidentals, ...	145 55
Total expended, ...	$4,418 91
Amount overdrawn, . . .	418 91
	4,000 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$3,000 00

By vote of the Board of Selectmen April 15th, 1880, the above amount was apportioned to the various districts as follows, viz.:

Centre District, John G. Morrill, Surveyor, .	$725 00
North " Joseph Connell, " .	425 00
South " Levi B. Eaton, " .	425 00
East " Charles H. Hart, " .	400 00
West " Simeon Parker, " .	600 00
Woodville " Henry N. Oliver, " .	300 00
Retained by Selectmen as a reserve fund,	125 00
Total, ...	$3,000 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows:

Reserve Fund.

Amount retained by Selectmen, . . .	$125 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid John M. Cate, surveyor of last year for repairs on cesspools, ...	7 08
H. L. Haskell, repairs on fence, . .	4 75
G. W. Aborn, " in West District, . .	1 50
James Westgate, lumber for R. R. bridge at Greenwood, ...	107 96
Wm. Darling, repairs at Greenwood, .	28 80
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on lumber,	7 02
Total, ...	$157 11
Balance overdrawn, charged to miscellaneous expenses, ...	32 11
	$125 00

CENTRE DISTRICT—JOHN G. MORRILL, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor, .	$725 00
Balance unexpended of Highland street approp'n,	2 40
Total, ...	$727 40
Expended as follows:	
Paid John G. Morrill, surveyor, self and team, for labor on highway, . . .	$72 50
sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, for labor on highway, ...	561 78
John G. Morrill, surveyor, for breaking snow,	93 75
George W. Aborn, drain pipe, . .	36 75
S. F. Littlefield & Co., drain pipe . .	1 50
James Lahey, covering stone, . .	9 00
Benj. Peterson, " " . . .	6 00
City of Somerville, gravel, . . .	55 50
Ira Wiley, . " . . .	4 86
J. B. Whitney, Jr., blacksmith, . .	4 45
Balance overdrawn on New Park Appropriation,	6 11
" " " Pleasant street "	34
Total expended, . . .	$852 54
Balance in excess of receipts and now due John G. Morrill surveyor, . . .	125 14
	$727 40

NORTH DISTRICT—JOSEPH CONNELL, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor, .	$425 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Joseph Connell, surveyor, for labor on the highway, ...	41 00
sundry individuals as per pay-roll for labor on highway, ...	282 61
Amount carried forward, ...	$323 61

Amount brought forward, . . .	$323 61
Paid Joseph Connell, 415 loads gravel at 8 cents per load, ...	33 20
Joseph Connell, for breaking snow, . .	46 80
sundry individuals as per pay-roll, for breaking snow, ...	84 65
repairs of snow plow, ...	2 60
Cutler Bros., tools, ...	2 75
Total expended, . . .	$493 61
Balance in excess of receipts and now due Joseph Connell, surveyor, . .	68 61
	$425 00

South District—Levi B. Eaton, Surveyor.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor, .	$425 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Levi B. Eaton, surveyor, self and team for labor on the highway, . . .	$133 00
sundry individuals as per pay-rolls for labor on the highway, ...	236 23
S. Kimball and L. B. Eaton, 645 loads gravel at 6 cts. per load, . . .	38 70
sundry individuals, breaking snow, .	21 30
drain pipe and tools, ...	15 38
Total expended, . . .	$444 61
Balance in excess of receipts now due L. B. Eaton, surveyor, ...	19 61
	$425 00

EAST DISTRICT—C. H. HART, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor,	.	$400 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid C. H. Hart, surveyor, self and team, for labor on highway,		$145 25
Paid sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, for labor on the highway,		230 09
sundry persons for gravel, at 4 and 6 cts. per load,		20 76
S. F. Littlefield & Co., drain pipe,	. .	3 59
tools, lumber and blacksmithing,	. .	4 54
Total paid out,		$404 23
Mr. Hart also presents unsigned pay-rolls, from which it appears that there are due sundry individuals for labor from Dec. to March (probably for breaking snow) the sum of		85 26
Total expended,	. . .	$489 49
Balance in excess of receipts and due as follows:		
C. H. Hart, surveyor,	. . 4 23	
sundry individuals,	. . . 85 26	89 49
		400 00

WEST DISTRICT—SIMEON PARKER, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor,	. .	$600 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Simeon Parker, surveyor, for labor on highway,		$90 00
sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, for labor on the highway,		398 14
Amount carried forward,	. . .	$488 14

Amount brought forward, ...	$488 14
Simeon Parker and others as per pay-rolls, for breaking snow, ...	75 18
431 loads gravel at 4 cts. per load, . .	17 24
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe, . . .	13 50
Benj. Peterson, covering stone, . .	9 80
tools and repairing, ...	6 60
repairing bridge, ...	7 50
Total expended, . . .	$617 96
Balance in excess of receipts, and now due Simeon Parker, surveyor, . . .	17 96
	600 00

WOODVILLE DISTRICT—H. N. OLIVER, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by surveyor, . .	$300 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid H. N. Oliver, surveyor, self and team, for labor on the highway, ...	$100 37
sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, for labor on the highway, ...	179 34
Andrew Young, for gravel, . . .	25 08
repairs of tools, &c., ...	1 50
H. N. Oliver, for breaking snow, . .	19 00
sundry individuals, " " . .	19 00
	$344 29
Balance in excess of receipts and now due H. N. Oliver, surveyor, ...	44 29
	300 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation authorized, ... $1,000 00

This appropriation was to be expended where abuttors were willing to bear one-half of the expense. We give below a list showing how the town appropriation has been expended. A corresponding amount has been paid by each named individual.

Ira Wiley, Main street, . . .	$10 68
Azel Ames, Jr., Avon street, . .	5 92
Heirs of Chloe P. Evans, Albion street,	10 81
Samuel Kingman, post office, . .	31 15
Universalist Society, Main street, .	20 35
C. A. Cheney, Main street, . .	21 02
Joshua N. Eames, Albion street, .	17 96
" " " Chestnut " . .	31 92
John M. Cate, Main and Centre streets,	31 29
Hannah E. Newcomb, Albion street, .	9 78
" " " Chestnut " .	8 20
George Packard, Main street, . .	19 30
Methodist Episcopal Society, Albion street,	15 99
M. W. Gove, Chestnut street, . .	7 03
Mrs. C. Patch, " " . .	24 07
D. D. Foster, " " . .	16 09
A. A. Currier, " " . .	12 61
N. R. Coffin, " " . .	16 83
D. H. Darling, " " . .	11 98
Sumner Pattee, " " . .	11 61
M. K. Blasland, Main street, . .	8 14
Daniel G. Walton, " " . .	44 97
Connell & Curley, " " . .	18 98
S. F. Littlefield, Chestnut street, .	13 01
" " Albion " . .	13 00
A. J. Hutchinson, Avon street, . .	9 06
A. S. Atherton, Chestnut " . .	14 24
Amount carried forward, . . .	$456 19

Amount brought forward, . . .	$456 19
W. H. Wiley, Albion " . .	13 32
Capt. John Perkins, Albion and Main street,	34 67
J. C. Hartshorne, Albion street, .	7 65
Dr. Charles Jordan, Avon " . .	15 42
Mrs. H. Brown, Chestnut " . .	40 61
A. C. Perkins, " " . .	27 93
C. W. Trow, Albion " . .	8 76
J. D. Mansfield, " " . .	14 63
C. F. Hartshorne, " " . .	7 49
S. O. Richardson, " " . .	13 89
Aaron Butler, Main street, . .	7 30
Mrs. Mary Eaton, Albion street, .	35 91
Greeley Merrill, Main " . .	15 14
Hosea L. Day, " " . .	17 34
A. W. Chapman, Crescent " . .	34 53
B. F. Bancroft, Pleasant street, . .	8 26
Dr. S. W. Abbott, Avon " . .	27 75
E. W. Eaton, Railroad " . .	13 69
Walton & Winship, " and Chestnut streets,	45 60
W. D. Deadman, Yale avenue, . .	16 22
T. Emerson's Sons, Main street, .	28 30
A. H. Binden, Main " . .	9 53
C. E. Niles, Chestnut " . .	11 35
W. K. Perkins, Mechanic " . .	8 79
John Purington, Centre " . .	17 02
Geo. H. Towle, Yale avenue, . .	24 31
S. K. Hamilton, " " . .	18 31
Miss E. Walton, Chestnut street, .	13 69
Mark Folsom, Yale avenue, . .	16 56
Total expended, . .	$1,010 16
Balance in excess, charged to miscellaneous expenses, ...	10 16
	$1,000 00

NEW PARK EXTENSION.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$300 00
Sale of grass, ...	41 00
	$341 00
Expended as follows, under direction of John G. Morrill, surveyor:	
Paid sundry individuals as per pay-roll, for labor,	347 11
Balance overdrawn, charged to account of surveyor of Centre District, . . .	$6 11
	341 00

PLEASANT STREET EXTENSION.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$50 00
Expended as follows, under direction of John G. Morrill, surveyor:	
Paid sundry individuals as per pay-roll, for labor,	50 34
excess of appropriation, charged to the account of surveyor for Centre District, .	34
	$50 00

HIGHLAND STREET APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$150 00
Expended as follows, under direction of John G. Morrill, surveyor:	
Paid sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, for labor and sundry repairs, . . .	147 60
Balance unexpended, carried to account of surveyor for Centre District, . . .	2 40

OTIS STREET APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation authorized,		$300 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Patrick O'Connor, as per contract,		$147 00
" " extra labor,		8 75
H. L. Haskell, labor and stock,		25 65
Walter B. Ellis, concrete gutters,		19 44
James A. Bancroft, surveys,		6 00
H. N. Winslow, teaming,		1 00
Total expended,		$207 84
Balance unexpended,		92 16
		$300 00

BALANCE OF HIGHWAY RESERVE, 1879–80.

Balance in hands of James Oliver, as per report,		$146 94
Expended as follows:		
Paid John M. Cate, surveyor of Centre District, balance due him as per report,	$47 83	
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe and labor on Auburn street,	8 25	
Total,		$56 08
Balance unexpended, paid to James F. Emerson, town treasurer,		$90 86

REPAIRS CORNER CRESCENT AND EATON STREETS, 1879–80.

Balance in hands of James Oliver as per report,	$50 00
This amount was paid over to T. E. Balch, Chairman of Selectmen, and has been disbursed as follows:	
Paid J. G. Morrill, for widening and fencing,	$50 00

C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE COMPANY — INJUNCTION EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$125 00
Paid W. S. Greenough for the petitioners, as per bill, Eaton & Hamilton, . . .	125 00

RE-LIGHTING TOWN HALL.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$125 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid L. J. Descalzo & Co. as per contract, . .	110 00
Balance unexpended, ...	15 00
	125 00

SOLDIERS' BURIAL LOT.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$120 00
Paid W. S. Greenough, Chairman of Committee, and now held by him to complete purchase, ...	$120 00

EXPENSES OF FISH COMMITTEE.

Appropriation authorized, ...	$20 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid C. P. Poland, fish net, ...	3 00
Samuel Parker, Jr., recording lease,	75
" " " labor on fishway,	75
Amount carried forward, ...	$4 50

Amount brought forward, ...	$4 50
Samuel Parker, Jr., services and team,	3 00
" " " trip to Howlett's pond,	1 00
J. H. Cartland, trip to Howlett's pond, .	1 00
" " services and team to Lynnfield and on fishways, . . .	2 50
Oscar I. Stowell, telegraphing and repairs on dam, ...	5 50
Total expended, . . .	$17 50
Balance unexpended, now in hands of Committee,	2 50
	$20 00

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT.

TAX OF 1878.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$4,491 81
Received as interest,		577 15
		$5,068 96
Paid Town Treasurer,	$4,422 86	
Abated by Assessors,	646 10	$5,068 96

TAX OF 1879.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$8,481 65
Received as interest,		162 10
		$8,643 75
Paid Town Treasurer,	$4,462 30	
Abated by Assessors,	173 78	
Discounts allowed,	1 31	$4,637 39
Balance uncollected,		$4,006 36

TAX OF 1880.

Total amount assessed,		$51,268 12
Received as interest,		15 87
		$51,283 99
Paid Town Treasurer,	$40,662 52	
Abated by Assessors,	653 62	
Discounts allowed,	1,470 36	$42,786 50
Balance uncollected,		$8,497 49

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector.*

March 1, 1881.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES F. EMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* Town of Wakefield.

Dr.

To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1880, .	$5,241 59
hired on town notes, ...	22,500 00
release of tax deeds, ...	569 41
interest received on tax deeds, . .	30 18
" " on loans and deposits,	98 78
Richard Britton, Collector, 1878, .	4,422 86
" " " 1879, .	4,462 30
" " " 1880, .	40,662 52
Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, given for use in Memorial Hall, ...	200 00
B. F. Shedd, Highway Surveyor, 1879, unexpended balance, . . .	31 89
J. A. Tyler, Highway Surveyor, 1879, unexpended balance, . . .	13 21
J. J. Mansfield, Highway Surveyor, 1879,	12 48
income of Town Hall, 1879, . .	421 00
Daniel Norcross, auctioneer license, .	2 00
C. F. Hartshorne, " " .	2 00
W. G. Skinner, " " .	2 00
James Oliver, unexpended balance of $146.94 in his hands at last report,	90 86
L. H. Tasker, on acct. of rental of Crystal Lake for one year, from March 1st, 1880, ...	20 00
John H. Johnson of Wakefield, peddler, license dated Sept. 8, 1880, one year,	10 00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax, .	2,740 58
" " National Bank tax, .	1,136 68
" " State aid, .	2,172 50
" " relief indigent soldiers and sailors, .	309 00
" " pauper account, .	20 74
" " armory rent, . .	300 00
" " school fund, . .	184 52
Selectmen, acct. concrete sidewalks and error,	47 91
County Treasurer, Dog-tax, . .	238 04
School Committee, ...	237 00
Overseers of the Poor, . . .	969 25
from sale of grass, ...	52 00
	$87,201 30

Cr.

By cash paid town orders, ...	$35,243 91
principal on loan, . . .	33,500 00
interest " " . . .	5,236 31
" " Flint Memorial Fund to Town Library,	60 00
Richard Britton, Collector, for tax titles, ...	302 91
for registry of deeds, . . .	12 75
C. W. Eaton, for negotiating settlement of tax titles and writing release deeds, . . .	44 00
State Aid account, . . .	2,260 75
Saugus tax, ...	4 16
State tax, ...	3,810 00
National Bank tax, . . .	896 29
County tax, ...	1,914 57
School Committee, State School Fund,	184 52
Selectmen, gift of Mrs. Flint for Memorial Hall, . . .	200 00
G. W. Aborn for release of two tax titles, ...	32 50
Balance, cash in treasury, . . .	3,498 63
	$87,201 30

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1880, . .	$88,600 00
since hired by Treasurer, . . .	22,500 00
	$111,100 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1880, . .	33,500 00
	$77,600 00

Loans are now held March 5, 1881, as follows:

State Treasurer, due May 20, 1881, . .	19,600 00
Bonds to bearer $1,000 each, due June 1, 1881,	19,000 00
Brewster, Bassett & Co., due Sept. 15, 1881,	4,000 00
Brewster, Bassett & Co., due Oct. 15, 1881, .	5,000 00
Bonds to bearer $1,000 each, due May 1, 1882,	30,000 00
Total, ...	$77,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of notes and bonds bearing interest, March 5, 1881, .	$77,600 00	
Interest on notes and bonds, accrued to date, . . .	1,366 89	
State aid unpaid, due to pensioners,	101 25	
Outstanding town orders, . .	244 99	
Total liabilities, . . .		$79,313 13
Cash balance in Treasury, . .	$3,498 63	
Due from State on account of State aid as per monthly returns, 1880,	2,205 50	
Due from State on military aid account one-half of amount paid, 1,215 94, ...	607 97	
Due on tax-list, 1879, . .	4,006 36	
" " " 1880, . .	8,497 49	
Total assets, . . .		$18,815 95
Net debt, . . .		$60,497 18
Net debt as per report last year, .	69,273 68	
" " " " " this year, .	60,497 18	
Decrease since 1880 report, .	$8,776 50	

STATE AID.

Amount allowed various individuals for the year ending March 1, 1881,	$2,247 00	
Balance due and unpaid March 1, 1880,	115 00	
		$2,362 00
The Treas. has paid of the above amount,	2,260 75	
Due various individuals, unpaid to March 1, 1881,	101 25	
		$2,362 00

The amounts which have been paid to each person appear in the following statement:

James E. Abbott,	72 00	Andrew Mellen, (discontinued Dec. 1, 1880),	12 00
Elizabeth Bateman,	44 00	Elizabeth Moses,	48 00
W. W. Bessey,	72 00	Esther S. Parker,	40 00
Mary V. Brown,	52 00	Wm. D. Parker,	72 00
Eugene C. Bryant, guardian for Wm. C. Bryant, (discontinued April 1, 1880),	20 00	Martha A. Pilling,	28 00
Augusta M. Chandler,	48 00	Lucy E. Poland,	48 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	48 00	Joseph H. Richardson,	54 00
Thomas W. Coombs,	72 00	Julia A. Ross, (discontinued June 1, 1880,	4 00
Adah E. Cowdrey,	40 00	John S. Sargent,	18 00
John Davis,	96 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	Sarah Sweetser,	44 00
Rodney Edmands,	72 00	Geo. W. Townsend,	120 00
Alexander Flanders, (discontinued Dec. 1, 1880,	44 00	Thomas Twisden,	78 00
Orlando N. Gammons,	24 75	James Weary,	54 00
Micah Heath,	96 00	Geo. N. Whiting,	72 00
Needham C. Hunter,	54 00	Albert S. Wiley,	39 00
Joseph L. Hurd,	66 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	72 00
Geo. H. Jackson,	18 00	John Wiley, 2d,	78 00
Patrick Lanergan,	45 00	Hiram Woodis,	96 00
Lucinda Locke,	56 00	Nathaniel H. Wright,	72 00
Sarah S. Mason,	52 00		$2,260 75

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

	Tax.	Date of Deeds.	
Geo. Kempton,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	$7 06
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	23 16
A. J. Perham & Bessey,	1875,	July 6, 1877,	27 15
J. M. Piper,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	8 15
John Stevens,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	27 37
Daniel C. Murphy,	1876,	Aug. 13, 1878,	34 29
Thomas Lord,	1876,	Jan. 6, 1879,	21 78
J. W. Dearborn,	1877,	June 28, 1879,	8 23
J. W. Dearborn,	1877,	June 28, 1879,	8 23
Daniel C. Murphy,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	32 05
Wm. Brown Estate,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 00
Thomas Lord,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	29 81
James M. Piper,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	7 85
W. W. Bessey,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 86
Geo. A. Putney,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 70
Geo. A. Putney,	1877,	June 16, 1879,	5 70
W. W. Bessey,	1878,	July 12, 1880,	5 39
B. A. Osgood,	1878,	July 12, 1880,	83 59
Owner Unknown,	1878,	July 12, 1880,	19 80
Daniel C. Murphy,	1878,	Aug. 2, 1880,	31 08
			$397 25

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1881:

Night Watch.

In accordance with what seemed to be the desire of a majority of the citizens of the town, and in answer to a numerously signed petition, the Selectmen near the beginning of the year appointed two night watchmen. This action has called for a considerable outlay of money, but has been attended with good results, as has been shown in the increased quietness and good order of the town and the feeling of security which has been general in the community.

The men who have served the town in this capacity, as well as the regular police force, deserve commendation for their faithfulness and efficiency.

Town Hall.

At the last annual town meeting it was voted that all local organizations using the hall should pay a sum sufficient to meet the expense of heating, lighting, and janitor's services. By this action a considerable saving has been made in Town House expenses, and quite an income derived from hitherto unproductive sources. A cheerful compliance has generally been given to the order. After a somewhat careful investigation it was deemed inexpedient to attempt an improvement of the acoustic properties of the hall with the sum placed at our disposal.

Park Extension.

The appropriation of three hundred dollars, and the receipts from sale of grass, aggregating the sum of three hundred and forty-one dollars, has been expended for the improvement of the Park under the direction of John G. Morrill, Highway Surveyor in the Centre District.

Streets.

Otis street has been extended easterly to Vernon street, and graded at an expense of two hundred and seven and 80-100 dollars.

Highland street has also been graded at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars.

The sum of fifty dollars, appropriated for the grading of the road-bed and sidewalks on Pleasant street, between Otis and Vernon streets, has been expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, Mr. Morrill.

Bridges.

Early in the year it was found that the railroad bridge at Greenwood was in a dangerous condition and needed to be rebuilt. This has been done at an expense of one hundred and forty-three 78-100 dollars.

Concrete Sidewalks.

The town appropriation of one thousand dollars for the laying of concrete sidewalks has been expended for that purpose, with a like amount from owners of real estate who have received the benefits of the appropriation. Several proposals were submitted to the Selectmen, but the contract was awarded to Walter B. Ellis, of Melrose, at thirty-seven cents per square yard. So far as we know, these walks are entirely satisfactory. Good sidewalks should be considered a necessity; and we hope that the good work so well begun in this direction the past year, may be carried on successfully in the year to come, by a liberal outlay for this purpose.

Shade Trees.

Believing that our citizens should protect shade trees bordering upon their estates, we did not feel that it would be justifiable in us, to subject the town to the expense of protecting trees upon Elm street.

Water Courses.

Following the instructions of the town the Eastern Railroad Company was requested to open the original watercourse near the centre of the meadow, east of Vernon street. Their answer substantially was, that they had paid all land damages, and were not liable in any way for flowage.

Memorial Hall.

The generous gift of Mrs. Harriet N. Flint has been expended in decorating and beautifying the hall, in accordance with her suggestions and desires.

Board of Health.

Owing to the resignation of the Board of Health early in the year, the Selectmen have acted in that capacity.

Guide-Boards.

So far as we know, street signs and guide-boards have been placed at all needed points.

Insurance.

Insurance to the amount of thirty-six thonsand dollars has been placed on the Town Hall, to cover the same amount expiring March 13th.

Suits Against the Town.

In the suits, Thomas W. Coombs *v.* Town of Wakefield, Thomas W. Coombs, Adm'r *v.* Town of Wakefield, and Edward H. Walton *v.* Town of Wakefield — a final settlement of all matters covered by these suits has been made without expense to the town except for attorney's services.

BOUNTIES.

In regard to the claims for bounties presented by Henry B. Waitt and Henry H. Evans, we report that we find that on the twenty-second day of November, 1864, an order was drawn on the Treasurer of the town in favor of Henry B. Waitt for one hundred dollars, and also his receipt in full for bounty due him from the town, bearing the same date.

We are, therefore, of the opinion that he has no claim whatever against the town for bounty.

For different, but quite as satisfactory reasons, we believe that Henry H. Evans has no legal claim against the town for bounty.

THEODORE E. BALCH,
BUCHANAN B. BURBANK,
ARLON S. ATHERTON,
} *Selectmen of Wakefield.*

WAKEFIELD, March 14, 1881.

REPORT OF THE FISH COMMITTEE.

In presenting our fifth annual report for your consideration we are reminded that the time is not far distant when, under such rules, regulations and penalties as the town may adopt, subject to the approval of the State Fish Commissioners, our lake may be re-opened for the sole use and benefit of the inhabitants of Wakefield. And it is the opinion of your Committee that those who knew the lake in its exhausted condition will have reason to believe that the experiment of restocking the waters with useful fish has proved successful, and regarding the migratory alewife, beyond the most sanguine expectations of any one.

The notable event of the past year was the return of those hatched in our waters, after a three years sojourn in the ocean.

It was stated in our last report that they might be expected in the month of May, and on the second day of said month they were first seen in large numbers at the dam at Montrose, where they found too much water going over the fall, and too little through the fish-way. This trouble was soon obviated, and a seine stretched across the river from the mouth of the fish-way to the shore, showed an easy way to Lake Quannapowitt.

During the summer millions of young ones were seen in the lake, and from some unexplained cause passed out on a very slight rise of the water six weeks earlier than usual, and were destroyed in immense numbers at the Saugus Mills. This was very unfortunate, and in case of low water some safe way should be provided for these fish to go down to the sea whenever there is not enough water in the river to enable them to pass the fish-ways.

Mr. J. H. Carter received from Mr. Brackett 56 leather-sided carp, an Austrian variety, and still holds them subject to order of the Commissioners.

The local paper has published from time to time items of interest on this subject, and the facts are well known to our reading public.

For these favors our thanks are due, and to many friends who have most generously rendered gratuitous assistance.

When at the pleasure of the town, fishing is resumed, it will be necessary to restrict it to certain specified days of prohibiting absolutely the use of trolling and set lines, and requiring all persons to fish with rod and line, a single line to each person; of requiring the return to the lake of all bass that may be caught of less than half a pound in weight; the taking of land-locked salmon to be prohibited until further notice; if caught to be returned to the water alive; of prohibiting all fishing except on certain days and half days in the months of July, August, September and October.

And your Committee trust that the town will adopt such regulations as will allow our citizens ample and agreeable fishing opportunities, and at the same time insure fish protection, preservation and increase.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR I. STOWELL,
SAMUEL PARKER, Jr.,
J. H. CARTLAND,
Fish Committee of Wakefield.

REPORT

OF THE

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, MASS., March 14, 1881.

The committee chosen by the town at the last annual meeting to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated for the year commencing April, 1881, would respectfully present the following report, viz. :

We would respectfully recommend that appropriations be made as follows, viz. :

For Payment of town debt, ...	$5,000 00
Interest upon town debt, ...	5,000 00
Support of schools, ...	11,500 00
School Contingent Fund, ...	1,000 00
Painting school houses, ...	500 00
Poor Department, ...	5,000 00
Fire Department, ...	2,200 00
Expenses of street lamps, . . .	900 00
Town House expenses, (to include repairs to an estimated cost of $300), . .	1,200 00
Highways and bridges, (to include the amounts now due surveyors of the past year), ...	3,500 00
Repairs of sidewalks, to be expended where abuttors are willing to bear one-half of such expenses, *and* for laying of street crossings, ...	1,000 00
Salaries of town officers, ...	2,075 00
Miscellaneous expenses, ...	3,000 00
Beebe Town Library, the funds now in hands of the Town Treasurer from Dog-tax, and	300 00
Total, ...	$42,175 00

We recommend that the appropriation for salaries of town officers be divided as follows, and that the salaries and expenses of officers, other than those enumerated below, be charged as last year to the Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses.

For Town Treasurer,	$50 00
Town Clerk,	100 00
Board of Selectmen,	400 00
Assessors,	350 00
Overseers of the Poor,	150 00
School Committee,	200 00
Fire Engineers,	75 00
Auditors,	100 00
Tax Collector, for collecting tax warrant of 1881,	350 00
Constables and police services,	300 00
Total,	$2,075 00

We also recommend that the compensation of enginemen for the year commencing May 1, 1881, be fixed at thirteen dollars, and a sum equal to the poll tax.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. GREENOUGH,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
T. E. BALCH,
JAMES F. EMERSON,
JAMES OLIVER,
WM. F. YOUNG,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
WM. H. ATWELL,
J. J. MANSFIELD,
JOSHUA WALTON,
A. W. BROWNELL,
E. E. OLIVER,
T. J. SKINNER, *Sec'y.*

Messrs. Levi B. Eaton and J. C. Hartshorne not having been present at any meeting of the Committee, have not signed the report.

POLICE REPORT

For the Year Ending February 28th, 1881.

Whole number of arrests,	63
Males,	57
Females,	6
Americans,	16
Foreigners,	47

Crimes for which arrested:

Assault and battery,	13
Drunkenness,	11
Disturbing the peace,	10
Maintaining liquor nuisances,	10
Vagrancy,	5
Larceny,	3
Cruelty to animals,	1
Exposing person,	1
Bastardy,	1
Fornication,	1
Defrauding boarding mistress,	1
Threatening bodily harm,	1
Delivered up by his bondsman,	1
Assault on female child,	1
Illegally transporting liquors,	1
Carrying concealed weapons,	1
Malicious mischief,	1
Tramps provided with lodgings by police,	29

The night police appointed by the Selectmen, one to serve throughout the night, and one to serve half of the night, have in a great measure suppressed rowdyism and disorderly conduct on our main streets, and I think money expended for

night police can result only in good to the town and its citizens, and I would recommend the continuance of a night police. Following are the doings of the night police the past year:

Tramps provided with lodgings at lock-up,	20
Arrests made,	7
Bewildered persons assisted home,	6
Lost children " "	3
Store doors found open,	8
Lodgings found for strangers,	6
Called to suppress disturbance,	7

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. GRAY,

Chief of Police.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

A copy of Valuation of the Town, in detail, having been already prepared and distributed, the Assessors consider it unnecessary to repeat the figures, and merely present the following valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, taxed in this town, May 1st, 1880:

Real Estate,		$2,947,795 00
Personal Estate,		487,410 00
		$3,435,205 00
Residents' Bank Stock, (National Bank of South Reading,)		45,310 00
Total Valuation,		$3,480,515 00
Whole number of Polls, 1456, at $2.00,		$2,912 00
Rate of taxation, $13.60 per $1000.		
Total amount assessed, including Residents' Bank Stock and Overlay,		$49,630 78
Total number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	1036	
Horses,	309	
Cows,	239	
Sheep,	0	
Acres,	3734	
Value of Real Estate and Machinery of Corporations,		$356,350 00
Value of Real Estate in Wakefield, exempted by law from taxation,		145,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES OLIVER,
DAVID PERKINS,
CHAS. F. HARTSHORNE,
Assessors of Wakefield.

Wakefield, March, 1881.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

The Engineers would submit the following report of the Fire Department of Wakefield, its condition, number of members, the houses in charge of the several companies, fires and alarms, losses and insurance, as far as could be obtained, number of reservoirs and their locations, and amount expended for the Department. The Department consists of one Chief Engineer, two assistants, and one hundred and twenty-five members, divided as follows:

Yale Engine Co. No. 1, sixty members.
C. Wakefield Engine Co. No. 2, thirty-five members.
W. H. & L. Co. No. 1, eighteen members.
Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, twelve members.

The Department has about seventeen hundred feet of hose, of which there are only thirteen hundred feet which your Engineers consider fit for use at a fire.

The Yale Engine Co.'s house is located on Church street at the head of the Common, and is owned by the town. The Co. have expended considerable money in refurnishing their hall, and the members may well feel proud of their efforts in that direction.

The C. Wakefield Engine Co.'s house is owned by the town, and is located on the easterly side of Montrose schoolhouse, on land owned by A. Gould, and rented to the town for $5 per year.

By vote of the town at its last annual meeting held in April, 1880, it was voted that the Engineers be requested to provide a company for the C. Wakefield Engine. Acting under that authority your Board appointed thirty-five men as members of said company, to serve for one year.

The Chemical Engine is located on the easterly side of

Main street, adjoining the provision store kept by J. W. Jenkins, in a building owned by Charles Jordan, and rented to the town for fifty dollars per year. While their quarters are small and somewhat contracted, and hardly suitable for their accommodation, yet your Board find no other building so centrally located that will meet the demand and need of the Company at the present, and feeling that the town will have to provide more roomy and better accommodations for its Fire Department at no distant day, we do not consider a change of quarters advisable at present.

The Washington Hook and Ladder Co.'s house is located on the easterly side of Main street, in a building which was formerly the old town house, now owned by Warren Institution for Savings, and rented to the town for one hundred and twenty dollars per year.

Fires and Alarms.

April 29th, 1880, fire on Avon street, in the house owned and occupied by D. H. Darling, caused by carelessness of children. Loss $25; insured.

June 12th, 1880, fire in W. J. Howland's drug store, caused by the breaking of a lamp. Damage small.

Aug. 6th, alarm of fire caused by the burning of a building in Stoneham. The Department returned without going over the town line.

Oct. 23, barn belonging to L. Beebe and others. Loss $300; fully insured. Cause, supposed to have been accidental.

Dec. 8th, 1880, fire in Greely Merrill's building. Loss on building $30; insured. Loss to W. D. Parker on household goods $50, on which there was no insurance.

The town has fourteen reservoirs, located as follows:

Common, near the residence of C. W. Eaton.

Main street, opposite residence of E. Mansfield.

Main street, opposite the drug store of Dr. J. D. Mansfield.

Greenwood, near junction of Oak street.

Elm street, near the residence of the late James Eustis.

Corner of West Chestnut and Emerson streets.

Corner of School street and private way, near residence of Isaac G. Floyd.

Corner of Salem and Pleasant streets.

Park street, near residence of C. T. Harrington.

Corner of Richardson and Herbert streets.

Melvin street, near residence of M. Foley.

Lowell street, near residence of George H. Wiley.

Albion street, near residence of James F. Woodward.

Chestnut street, near residence of N. S. Dearborn.

Private reservoir, near B. & M. Foundry.

The Engineers would recommend the building of a reservoir near the Franklin school house.

Amount expended for the Department the past year, $1,609.84.

J. W. JENKINS, *Chief.*
WILLIAM H. GRAY, *Clerk.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In submitting our annual report of the condition of the schools for the past year, our first duty is to acknowledge the generous manner in which the town responded at its last annual meeting to our request for funds, and express our grateful appreciation therefor.

At the close of accounts Feb. 28th, 1880, there remained unexpended of the regular appropriation the sum of $73.05, of the contingent fund, $35.86. There were some outstanding bills sufficient in amount to cover the money on hand. There also remained in the hands of the Committee the amount received from the Massachusetts State School Fund for the year 1879, $191.42, making a total of $300.33.

The town raised and appropriated for general school purposes, which includes teachers' salaries, janitors' services and fuel only, the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars, ($11,500) ; for school incidental expenses, and known as the school contingent fund the sum of one thousand dollars, ($1000), and for painting school house the sum of five hundred dollars, ($500), making a total sum at the disposition of your Committee for the care of school property and the necessary expenses of the schools of thirteen thousand three hundred dollars and thirty-three cents, ($13,300.33.)

We have expended of the regular appropriation eleven thousand three hundred thirty-eight dollars and thirteen cents, of the school contingent fund nine hundred and ninety-five

dollars and twenty cents, and for painting, seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars; making a total of thirteen thousand seventy dollars and thirty-three cents.

The details of these expenditures may be found under appropriate heads in the report submitted by the Auditors. Suffice it to say that we have avoided all lavish expenditures, and endeavored to manage the finances with an economy commensurate with the matter in trust. A reasonable amount of money at our disposal inspired a good degree of confidence in our capacity to maintain a high position for our schools to meet any exigency likely to arise, and withstand any assault made upon our corps of teachers by our watchful and far-sighted neighbors. The experiences of the year fully attest the wisdom of the appropriation. Occasions have arisen calling for prompt action and the immediate appropriation of several hundred dollars. Without it at our command the results would have been serious and perhaps disastrous. In discussing and making the appropriation for the coming year we invoke the same generous spirit. It is true that school committees have the *right* to exceed the appropriation made by towns for the support of schools, but it is a right never to be used to any extent except in the most extreme and aggravated instances. A principle engrafted upon our laws, not without thoughtful consideration, it has frequently proved the bulwark which has enabled our schools to withstand the shock of excited public opinion or calamitously economical measures. We are not aware that any serious abuse of this power has been shown by the present agitation, which will recall and restate the reasons for its original enactment, and we trust, ensure its continuance.

Our System.

"Is our Public School System a Failure?" is a question, the discussion of which has just now reached this latitude in its periodical course, agitated largely by penny-a-liners for lack of something more sensational, and occasionally bolstered

up in the affirmative by a writer of respectable pretensions. Richard Grant White, in an article lately published and widely spread, makes a savage onslaught upon our New England system of public instruction, in which by odious comparisons and unfair statements, he seeks to hold our common schools responsible for the prevalent vice and crime, as well as ignorance, of the period. The conclusion of his article is that the result of the system "according to the experience of half a century is deterioration in purity of morals, in decency of life, in thrift, and in all that goes to make good citizens, accompanied by a steadily increasing failure in the acquirement of the very elements of useful knowledge." A fair digest of his argument logically put is :—In Massachusetts a public school system prevails; in South Carolina it does not. In Massachusetts, with her large and crowded manufacturing and mercantile cities, populated by the white race from every quarter of the globe, and of every grade of native and acquired capacity, the percentage of crime is greater than among the white population in the more sparsely settled agrarian fields of South Carolina; therefore the public school system has failed to accomplish the purpose for which it was established, and has become the parent of vice and ignorance — a conclusion at once fallacious and absurd.

The fact is, that the history of our New England public school system is a history of a continuing series of successes not perfect yet, but growing toward perfection every year, in the light of added experience and knowledge. The history of any New England town for the last fifty years, with its growth in intelligence, mental activity and æsthetic culture, affords ample and sufficient evidence that Mr. White is utterly ignorant of the matter of which he writes, or maliciously falsifies for some malignant purpose. No intelligent schoolman will claim that the system has accomplished all that is possible, or that its friends have been always judicious, but it is claimed that it is founded upon correct principles, and that the experience of time, while laying bare its

defects has developed the solidity of its foundations and foreshadowed its possibilities. A system inaugurated in Massachusetts more than two hundred years ago, extended in some form into nearly every State in the Union, upheld enthusiastically by the people of the country by their votes and their purses, commended in the highest terms by prominent educators at home and abroad, selected by wise men as among the best means to carry the blessings of civilization and religion to the dark portions of the world, its benign influences are felt in every city, town and hamlet in the land. If its friends stand firm, and with conscientious fidelity strive to efface its defects and improve its methods, it will easily withstand the attacks of sectarian bigotry or snivelling criticism. While educators and thinkers orginate methods, and the public provides the means, Committees, teachers and parents are to execute the plans devised. It matters little how feasible the scheme, if the execution be faulty. It matters little how solid the foundation or how beautiful the pinnacle, if the column be defective and weak. It matters less how well-laid are the foundations of our public school system, if those who carry it into execution are faithless to their trust. For its success, Committees, teachers and parents are responsible, and sighting from different standpoints the same object should be visible to all. This means an agreement in purpose, and a co-operation in execution. The law of the Commonwealth imposes some duties upon Committees which they cannot escape, while as to other matters they are armed with discretion, and as to such matters they invite friendly counsel and advice. The duties of teachers are largely regulated by law and the rules, but as to methods of execution they are left to their own judgment, subject to a supervision by the Committee, consistent with the maintenance of their own individuality. Parents are left without the limitations of law or the supervision of those higher in authority, hence they should exhibit a kindly feeling toward those who are thus encumbered. They should never forget

that for the time the teachers stand in law and in fact in place of parents, not animated, it is true, by the same parental affection, nor blinded by the same love to dangerous faults, but charged with a public duty toward a body of scholars, which outweighs personal considerations and individual predilections; therefore, the failure of a teacher to meet the expectation of parents from their point of vision should not be hastily or angrily judged, but met with that degree of consideration which the difference in situation and purpose demands, and with the ever present recollection that the individual is subordinate to the public. It is comparatively easy for Committees and teachers to keep these principles in view, dealing with masses, but it is found quite impossible for parents sometimes to subordinate their ideas of personal good to the welfare of the masses, or subject their hastily-formed opinions upon partial and perhaps untruthful information, to the scrutiny of their own conscience, enlightened by the information elicited by a few sensible inquiries of teachers or Committee. We could publish many instances in which a kind explanation and a cordial word have wrought wonderful good, and if we *should* publish some of the instances in which a cruel and uncalled-for note, or a sharp and untruthful criticism, have left a scar upon some devoted teacher's heart, it would not redound to the author's credit, but would give ample evidence of ignorance, or loss of both temper and judgment. If a child is peculiar, (as most all are), or if he is very nervous and excitable, (as he very frequently is after failure), or if everything in the school room is not just to his liking, it is far better to invite the teacher home to tea and spend the evening, have a friendly talk, and give the teacher an opportunity to observe something of the child's home life, management, surroundings, taste and disposition, than to launch out into an invective against the school and the teacher. Possibly there may be a beam in thine own eye, O Parents, albeit there may be a mote in the teacher's eye. Let us then as executors of the law in its

broadest sense work together in a spirit of kindness and co-operation for the more perfect development of our system of public instruction, to the end that the safety and happiness of all our people may be engendered and enhanced by a wide diffusion of the blessings of education, morality and religion.

Changes.

As we have watched from year to year the mental growth of those under our supervision, the idea has grown upon us that there was a lack of discipline of the reasoning faculties; that children of the ages of those whom we observe should have a better command of those powers. The defect seemed to be in power of concentration as well as ability to reason. As we sought to ascertain the cause, we discovered what is probably *one* of the causes, that in the anxiety to keep pace with other towns in variety of branches taught, and in matters outside of the school room, the important study of the principles of arithmetic had been somewhat neglected — not that the prescribed course had not been accomplished, but that the drill in its reason and logic had been shortened — that in years past the policy of some teachers had been to teach how to *do* instead of the logic of *why*. A single year of such teaching will effeminate the faculties to such a degree, and will induce such a habit of loose thought, that it may take years to overcome it. One of the elements considered was the written examination at the close of the last school year, and from which we compiled the following table, published not for the purpose of reflecting upon any one, but for the purpose of presenting to the town the real condition of the schools at that time in the science of numbers, which we believe is named by thorough educators as the study which tends most to develop and strengthen the powers of thought and reason.

The first column shows the average per cent. obtained by all the scholars in a given school in arithmetic, grammar, geography and spelling, the second the average of the same

scholars in arithmetic, the third the average per cent. in arithmetic of those who passed, and the remaining columns show the number of scholars who were promoted upon the written examination, the number who were promoted upon scholarship mark for the year, the total number promoted, and the total number of failures to pass, in each school.

SCHOOLS.	Average in Wrtten Ex.	Average in Arithmetic.	Average in Arithmetic of those who passed.	Passed on Written Ex.	Passed on Scholarship.	Total No. Passed.	Total No. of Failures.
Advanced Grammar . . .	81.7	74.7	74.7	28	2	30	0
First Grammar	82.4	70.6	74.7	39	4	43	6
Second Grammar	66.9	43.7	49.9	27	19	46	15
Third Grammar	77.6	69.9	71.2	44	8	52	2
Second Intermediate . . .	90.2	89.2	89.4	49	3	52	1
Third Intermediate . . .	72.1	62.9	67.4	28	6	34	12
North Ward	57.8	45.4	67.2	2	3	5	4
East Ward	64.7	33.7	38.0	5	3	8	3
Greenwood	51.2	40.2	43.6	0	3	3	2
Franklin Street Intermediate . .	65.6	60.5	65.0	6	6	12	3
West Ward Intermediate . .	62.7	60.0	60.7	7	14	21	5

It will be observed that the percentage in arithmetic in every school was lower than the average of the four studies, varying from 2.7 to 31 per cent. Your Committee determined at once as one step toward a remedy, to revise the course of study, and require arithmetic to be taught earlier

in the course and with a more thorough drill, and the ordinary work to be supplemented by an extended course of mental exercises. As another step, we determined to carry into effect a design long cherished, and delayed only on account of the hard times, a change in text books. Walton's Series had been in use in our town from a time so far back that the existing records of the School Committee, covering a period of over twenty years, do not show their adoption, and had become in a great measure superannuated. After as critical an examination as we were able of several of the leading series now published, the Franklin, prepared by the same author, assisted by Mr. Seaver of Cambridge, was adopted, and the course assigned to each school. At the same time Warren Colburn's First Lessons, a book regarded with filial affection by every lover of mathematics, was adopted as a supplementary text-book in mental arithmetic. The good results of these changes are already apparent in many of our schools, and if any interested desire to see where little children are taught "to read and write and *cipher* too," they can do so any day by visiting Miss Stearns' room, and we can assure such that their time will not be lost.

During the summer vacation two other long-contemplated changes in text-books were made, one in Spellers, exchanging a book which experience had shown contained an unwise arrangement of words, for one which we trust will prove preferable. The other was in the History of the United States. This study is commenced in the First Grammar School, and continued in the Advanced Grammar, and of course involves at its commencement the purchase of a new book by each scholar. The use of the old book was continued in the Advanced Grammar, and the new one introduced into the First Grammar, so that this change involved no extra expense to any one, as the new book cost less than the old one. The change was made because it was felt that the old book was too heavy in its matter and composition for scholars of the grades in which it was used, and because other books presented the

main facts of American History grouped in a more inviting manner. After an examination of eleven different histories of the United States, the one published by A. S. Barnes & Co. was adopted, not because it was in all respects the best, but because in our judgment it was the best adapted to the wants of our schools. These changes in text-books were welcomed by those who were familiar with the cause, and generally by the town, as shown by the alacrity with which the new books were obtained. We have caused an accurate account of the number of books and the expense involved in this exchange to be kept, and and we herewith submit the same :

EXCHANGED.

Franklin Written Arithmetic,	252 at 40c.,	$100 80
" Elementary "	122 " 18c.,	21 96
" Primary "	73 " 10c.,	7 30
Worcester's Pro. Speller,	335 " 10c.,	33 50
" Primary "	65 " 8c.,	5 20
Total amount paid in exchange,		$168 76

SOLD AT INTRODUCTION PRICES.

Franklin Written Arithmetic,	65 at 65c.,	39 00
" Elementary "	118 " 25c.,	29 50
" Primary "	77 " 15c.,	11 55
Worcester's Pro. Speller,	160 " 18c.,	28 80
" Primary "	122 " 15c.,	18 30
Amount paid for books at introduction prices,		$127 15

It is fair to assume that nearly all of those scholars who purchased the new books would have purchased the old ones, had they remained in use, and paid therefor the regular retail price, which is probably forty to fifty per cent. over the introduction price, so that the net expense caused by the changes in text-books exceeds but little, if any, one hundred dollars.

Just prior to the annual examination in June last, Miss George, who had been the teacher at Greenwood for some time, resigned to accept a more lucrative situation in Melrose. Had the opportunity been given the Committee to negotiate with her to continue in her position at an advanced salary, she would probably have remained. Through her acquaintance, the Committee were enabled to secure the services of Miss Hattie M. Tucker of the Winthrop schools, to complete the term, and conduct the public examination, which she did in a most satisfactory manner. At the commencement of the present school year Miss Elizabeth J. D. Kennard of Cambridge was engaged to take charge of this school. Miss Kennard was young and without experience in teaching, but had had special training in reference to it, and gave promise of brilliant success, but the promise was not fulfilled. She failed for a time to find a home among the people of that village suited to her tastes, which possibly contributed to failure in other respects. Under more auspicious circumstances, and with increased experience, Miss Kennard might become a successful teacher. At the close of one term's service her place was filled by the election of Miss Mary F. French of Sandown, N. H., who, at the present writing, is giving a good degree of satisfaction.

At the close of the summer term, Miss Coney, of the Woodville school, informed the Committee that unless she could have a substitute for a large part of the first term of the year, she must resign on account of a disease which forbade her living in this latitude during the months of September and October. The Committee felt that justice to the school demanded a permanent teacher, and they accepted her resignation. Miss Kate L. Brown of Reading was appointed to fill the vacancy, and has remained in the position since, discharging her duties with zeal and fidelity.

The Franklin street school lost both its teachers. Miss Upham, who had taken such faithful charge of the Primary

Department for six years, resigned, to carry into effect a desire long cherished of consecrating her life to the service of the Master in foreign lands. She sailed for India in September, accompanied by the warmest wishes of all who knew her. Miss Field, the teacher in the Intermediate Department, felt her health declining during the summer term, and at its close declined to continue longer as teacher of that school. She was subsequently elected to the position of teacher at the First Intermediate school in the Centre District, which was re-established at this time, which position she still holds. The vacancies thus occasioned were filled by the choice of Miss Sarah C. Hervey, a lady of long experience in the public schools of Lawrence, in the Intermediate school, and Miss Eva E. Howlett of this town, who had given for several years unqualified satisfaction in the schools of Peabody, in the Primary school. Both are sustaining the reputation which preceded them.

At the time of writing our last report it was expected that Miss Dearborn would be able to resume her connection with the Second Intermediate school in April, but this expectation was not realized, and she resigned her position at the end of the school year. Miss Emerson, who had been acting as substitute for some months, was elected in August, teacher of the school, entered upon the discharge of her duties in September, and is now carrying on her work with thoroughness and success.

When the result of the annual examinations for promotion was ascertained it was found that the First Grammar school contained sixty-eight scholars, and the Second Grammar school one hundred, many of whom, in each school, were poorly fitted in some branches. To the First Grammar school came sixty-two scholars from four different schools, twenty-eight of whom passed upon recitation mark, while the average of the whole was surprisingly low. To the Second Grammar school came eighty-five scholars in addition to the

fifteen who failed to obtain a promotion, twenty-eight of whom also passed upon their recitation mark.

Difficult questions at once suggested themselves. It was thought possible that as in former years some of the scholars would drop out, but at the opening both schools had increased their numbers. It was at once determined to furnish an assistant in the First Grammar, and Miss Alice Freeman, a graduate of our High school of the class of 1878, and for a year a student at Wellesley College, was selected, and she entered upon her duties the second week of the term. By the re-establishment of the First Intermediate the Third Grammar was left without pupils. So its grade was changed to a Second Grammar, and the scholars in that school divided about equally in point of numbers and scholarship between the two teachers, Mr. Cutter and Miss Warren. In view of the evident unfitness of some in that school for that grade, and for the purpose of raising the standard of the schools above, it was directed by the Committee, that at the end of the second term an examination should be had of all the scholars in the school, and the best half should thereafter constitute the Second Grammar school with the expectation of promotion, and the remainder should make up any apparent deficiencies, and if reasonable should have the opportunity to take the examination for the First Grammar school at the end of the year; if not, they should remain and constitute the Second Grammar school for the ensuing year. That examination has just been finished, with results so satisfactory that at this writing the Committee are unprepared to determine just what shall be done with the scholars now in Miss Warren's room. A portion, at any rate, will have the privilege of being examined for Miss Perkins's room. The fifty-three scholars obtaining the highest rank in arithmetic, grammar and geography now constitute the school in charge of Mr. Cutter. The average per cent. obtained by them in the examination just given is 90.5, and the average of those now at Miss Warren's room is 71.5 per cent.

In the schools not specially mentioned the same teachers as last year remain. It is a source of gratification to us to be able to retain in the employ of the town a corps of such earnest, faithful and pains-taking teachers. They differ in style, disposition and success, but all merit the kindliest recognition and the warmest sympathy.

Music.

A few years ago the subject of music in our public schools was a debatable one, but under the wise administration of Mr. Wilson, it has passed from debatable ground, and become a permanent portion of our curriculum. "As to the benefit of such instruction, if properly carried out, — its agency in the formation of a refined and melodious speech, its efficiency as a means of recreation and of discipline in the school-room, and its humanizing influence upon both teacher and pupil, the best educators, in other countries and our own, are now agreed. The almost universal ability of children of the school age to appreciate the sounds of the scale, and acquire some knowledge of music in its simpler forms, has been abundantly proved."

A late master in one of the Grammar schools in Boston speaking upon this point said: "In my school of about 1000 girls, less than a dozen were unfitted from all causes for attaining a fair degree of success in this department of culture." Probably the percentage of children in our schools is not so large, but one not versed in the facts would be pleasantly surprised to find how many "can sing." Mr. Wilson has labored zealously in his department, and his efforts have been faithfully seconded by the various teachers.

Writing.

Probably no branch of our common school education is cared for so unscientifically as writing. Good penmanship depends largely upon a few elementary principles which can be easily learned, but which as a rule are sadly neglected.

The underlying principles which govern the correct formation of letters are rarely understood except by those who have given the subject some special attention. We hope in the coming year to have this subject assume its proper place in our schools, and for the sake of correctness and uniformity, it would be a wise expenditure of money to employ some thoroughly competent person to instruct all our teachers in the principles, and require them to follow this instruction in their teaching.

High School Graduation.

The exercises of graduation took place as usual in the Town Hall, in the evening of the Seventeenth of June. This was the first graduation under the charge of the present principal of the High School, and was also the first graduation of scholars in the Business Course. The exercises were varied in character, and of a high order, prepared not so much for entertainment, as for the purpose of giving some idea of the standing of those who participated in them. The following is the programme and the names of the scholars graduating in the different courses:

PROGRAMME.

1. Chorus—"O Thou, My Hope, My Country," . . *Franz Abt*
2. Salutatory—Macbeth, ... Nellie F. Walton
3. Essay—The Influence of Nature on Man, Lyman E. Sweetser
4. Declamation—The Black Regiment, . Melvin W. Boardman
5. { Quartette—Hark! I hear the Organ Peal.
 { Invisible Chorus—Santa Maria.
6. Essay—Strikes, ... George P. Aborn
7. Declamation—Hannibal at the Altar, . . Alonzo D. Moran
8. Chronicles—Written by Miss Mansfield,
 Masters G. P. Aborn and C. H. Stearns.
 Read by Clinton H. Stearns
9. Piano Duet, ... Misses Balch and Walton
10. Reading—The Diver, ... Margaret Kirk
11. Recitation—The Dutchman and the Yankee, . Wm. D. Wright
12. Calisthenics.
13. Essay—"Rome was not built in a day," . Jessie F. Mansfield
14. Declamation—The Spanish Duel, . Solon O. Richardson, Jr

15. Song—Whippoorwill, ... *White*
Rosa L. Bridge.
16. Prophecy, ... Celia P. Nott
17. Poem—The Harbor Bar. Written by George W. Martin.
Read by Clinton H. Stearns
18. Valedictory—The Value of Classical Study, Fannie P. Bucknam
19. Parting Hymn. Words by Geo. W. Martin.
Music by Geo. F. Wilson

Through many long and pleasant years
Our pathways have together lain;
But now, within a few short hours,
We step aside—we break the chain
Which held us fast in times of school;
But though our paths are widely bent,
Our memories long will treasure up
The days of school together spent.

So let us clasp our hands once more,
And sing one last sad parting song;
And softly sing it—softly dwell
Upon the accents, low and long.
Farewell! dear schoolmates, tried and true,
Farewell! now, school days, loved so well;
Farewell! O faithful teachers, all;
In closing whispers, breathe "Farewell!"

20. Presentation of Diplomas.

GRADUATING CLASS.

"*Boutez en Avant.*"

BUSINESS.

Geo. P. Aborn, Alonzo D. Moran, Melvin W. Boardman, Solon O. Richardson, Jr., Lyman E. Sweetser.

ENGLISH.

Margaret Kirk, Jessie F. Mansfield, William D. Wright.

ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL.

Fannie P. Bucknam, Nellie F. Walton, Clinton H. Stearns, George W. Martin.

Rosa L. Bridge completed the Business Course, with the exception of Trigonometry and Surveying.

Celia P. Nott completed the English and Classical Course, with the exception of French.

Scholars.

It is with no ordinary degree of satisfaction that we mark an improvement in the *tone* of the scholars of the town; in general characteristics, an elevation. Among the boys, young life and spirit without turbulence, manliness without "old-manishness," dignity and a sense of responsibility without assumption. Among the girls, sprightliness without rudeness, grace without affectation, womanliness without prudishness, a growing moral sense of the privileges, rights and duties of all. These are some of the qualities which characterize the children who are to fill the responsible positions in the world, and occupy the places of trust and emolument among their fellow men. To you, scholars, who are now in our schools, are soon to be committed the great trusts of life. To you are now open the widest prospects and most magnificent possibilities. Because of this, those of us who are now bearing the heat of the day are looking to you with eager and anxious eyes. Because of this, we view your course, as you lay the foundations of character and learning, with profound attention. In you and with you rest the hopes of the future.

School Houses.

At the last annual meeting, the town appropriated five hundred dollars to be expended in painting some of the school houses. The Committee advertised for proposals for painting all the school houses in town, and were favored with the following offers:

George H. Teague, . . .	$1,203 00
Bacon & Sweetser, . . .	1,140 25
Z. F. Fairbanks, . . .	975 00
Albon W. Parker, . . .	612 00

The Committee accepted the offer of Mr. Parker. The buildings were found to be in very bad condition, and needed more than one coat, but in view of the appropriation the

Committee did not feel at liberty to contract that liability. They did, however, have a second coat put upon three sides of the High school house at a cost of $125, which makes the entire cost of painting nine school houses one coat and three sides of the High school house an extra one, seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars. The improved appearance of the buildings is very gratifying, and in view of the fact that it would be wise economy to keep them well covered with paint, we recommend an appropriation this year of at least five hundred dollars for painting.

Concrete Walks

Have become an established institution in this town, and their cleanliness and durability commend them to the householder. The same considerations which induce private citizens to make these walks about their dwelling houses weigh with added force to their desirability about public buildings. We hope a reasonable appropriation will be made each year for this purpose, until the walks about all the school houses in town are laid with concrete.

Other Appropriations.

We recommend the town to raise for regular school purposes the sum of eleven thousand, five hundred dollars, and for school contingent fund the sum of one thousand dollars.

Conclusion.

We append hereto the usual statistical tables in relation to our schools and the course of study adopted the present year, and submit the whole as our annual report.

SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, *Chairman*,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
GEORGE W. ABORN,
THEODORE E. BALCH, *Treasurer*,
E. P. COLBY,
WILLIAM N. TYLER, *Secretary*.

NAMES OF PRESENT TEACHERS, SALARIES, AND DATES OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected	Salaries.
High . .	Abbott Sanford, .	Sept., 1879.	$1100 pr. yr.
" . .	Martha Keith, . .	April, 1878.	600
" . .	Lucy P. Greenough, .	Sept., 1879.	400
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, .	Mar., 1871.	700
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, .	Sept., 1873.	550
Ctr. Gr., 1, Asst.,	Alice Freeman, .	Sept., 1880.	200
" " " 2,	Fred'k S. Cutter, .	Jan., 1878.	800
" " " 2,	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871.	500
" Interme'ate, 1,	Alice Field, . .	Jan., 1879.	380
" " 2,	Clara E. Emerson, .	Dec., 1879.	360
" " 3,	Alice G. Currier, .	Mar., 1880.	360
Centre Primary, 1,	Myra A. Stearns, .	Sept., 1875.	360
" " 2,	Mary I. Hersey, .	Dec., 1876.	400
West Intermediate	Nellie A. Miller, .	Sept., 1877.	360
" Primary,	L. J. Mansfield, .	Sept., 1871.	360
Franklin St. Int.,	Sarah C. Hervey, .	Aug., 1880.	380
" Primary,	Eva E. Howlett, .	July, 1880.	360
North Ward, .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862.	380
East Ward, .	Annie R. Killoran, .	Sept., 1873.	380
Woodville, .	Kate L. Brown, .	Aug., 1880.	360
Greenwood, .	Mary F. French, .	Nov., 1880.	380

Number of Scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1st, 1880, 914.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	58.3	57.2	97.2	60
Advanced Grammar,	43.4	40.9	94.2	43
First Grammar,	62.8	60.3	96	25
Second Grammar, (Mr. Cutter,)	57.7	54.3	94.1	3
Second Grammar, (Miss Warren,)	52.3	49.8	95	
Third Grammar,	58	53	95	
First Intermediate,	45.6	41	89	
Second Intermediate,	47.7	43.4	91	
Third Intermediate,	44.6	40	89.6	
Centre Primary, No. 1,	45.9	41.7	90.9	
Centre Primary, No. 2,	62.4	53.7	85.8	
North Ward,	34	30	88	
East Ward,	44.4	38.4	87	
Woodville,	37.8	30.3	80	
Greenwood,	45.7	38.7	85	
Franklin Intermediate,	51.9	45.3	87	
Franklin Primary,	49.7	42.5	84,3	
West Intermediate,	45.4	39.2	86	
West Primary,	43.4	42.3	83	

TOWNS.	Population—Census of 1880.	Valuation in 1880.	No. of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, May 1st, 1879.	No. of diff. scholars in school, 1879-80.	Average number in school 1879-80.	Sum appropriated to each child between five and fifteen years of age, 1879-80.	Percentage of valuation appropriated to public schools.
Arlington, . .	4100	$4,533,128.00	812	872	732	20.936	.00375
Malden, . . .	12017	10,747,905.00	2153	2688	2029	14.631	.00293
Melrose, . . .	4560	3,650,384.00	840	912	770	14.88	.00342
North Reading, .	900	535,723.00	156	169	153	11.071	.00322
Reading, . .	3181	2,457,816.00	478	607	523	15.40	.00305
Stoneham, . .	4891	2,978,355.00	872	949	779	13.303	.00389
Wakefield, . .	5548	3,435,205.00	866	997	807	12.124	.00306
Watertown, . .	5426	7,409,050.00	872	960	788	17.614	.00207
Winchester. . .	3802	3,602,501.00	584	748	593	18.835	.00305
Woburn, . . .	10938	8,239,859.00	2424	2238	2238	10.313	.00303
Quincy, Norfolk Co., . .	10529	7,528,096.00	1704	1910	1551	15.539	.00352

COURSE OF STUDY, ADOPTED AUGUST, 1880.

(EXCEPT HIGH SCHOOL.)

SECOND PRIMARY.

Reading.—Object and word method, chart reading, black-board lessons, slate exercises in script, Franklin Primer, and such supplementary reading as is desirable,

Numbers.—Count to one hundred, write the Arabic numerals, add and subtract numbe rsas high as twenty.

Writing and Drawing.—Copy from the black-board easy combinations of straight and curved lines; frequent exercises on the slate in Roman and Script letters and words.

Oral Lessons.—Daily talks about familiar objects with illustrations and examples; read suitable selections and stories.

FIRST PRIMARY.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Second Reader, including enunciation and punctuation, with desirable supplementary reading, free use of the black-board. Worcester's new Primary Spelling Book to page 40, and the lessons in the Reader.

Numbers. —Franklin Primary Arithmetic to page 72, Walton's charts, black-board exercises.

Writing and Drawing.—Capital and small letters with the elementary principles, and short sentences on the slate. Exercises from cards or the black-board, showing the circle, ellipse and polygon, and how they may be divided into parts by straight lines, etc.; simple plans of houses and other familiar objects.

Oral Lessons. — Conversations upon articles eaten and worn; upon colors illustrated by colored papers and fabrics; upon various natural objects, their uses, etc. Teach how to tell time by the clock. Read suitable selections and stories.

Third Intermediate.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Third Reader with daily drill on exercises from page 8 to page 13, with suitable supplementary reading; Worcester's New Primary Spelling Book from page 40, including abbreviations.

Numbers.—Walton's Charts; Franklin Primary Arithmetic (entire book); Franklin Elementary Arithmetic to page 37; black-board exercises.

Writing and Drawing.—Copy from the black-board correctly written and punctuated stanzas or paragraphs, and correct improperly written sentences; Primary Writing Book, No. 1; Primary Drawing Book, No. 1.

Oral Lessons.—Points of compass, measures of length and capacity, divisions of time, some account of various domestic articles, as grain, fruit, vegetables, cotton, etc., with illustrations and examples.

Second Intermediate.

Reading and Spelling. — Franklin Third Reader, from page 106, Franklin Fourth Reader to page 125; suitable supplementary reading; Worcester's New Pronouncing Spelling Book to page 59.

Numbers.—Walton's Arithmetical Charts; thorough drill in the multiplication table; Franklin Elementary Arithmetic from beginning to page 81; black-board work.

Writing and Drawing.—Second Primary Writing Book, and Writing Book No. 1; Daily writing from dictation; constant practice in the combination of straight and curved lines; Drawing Books No's. 2 and 3.

Oral Lessons.—Teach from the globe and maps the general principles of Geography; conversations upon short articles to be read from children's periodicals or newspapers.

First Intermediate.

Reading and Spelling. — Franklin Fourth Reader from page 90, with suitable supplementary reading; Worcester's New Pronouncing Spelling Book from page 25 to page 93.

Numbers.—Franklin Elementary Arithmetic from page 51 to page 115; black-board work.

Writing and Drawing. — Writing Book No. 2; Writing short abstracts from reading lessons and short letters from dictation; Drawing Books No's. 4 and 5.

Geography.—Warren's Primary Geography, (entire book).

Oral Lessons.—Common flowers and plants, domestic animals.

Third Grammar.

Reading and Spelling. — Franklin Intermediate Reader with suitable supplementary reading; Worcester's New Pronouncing Spelling Book from page 59 to page 119; spelling and defining from reading lessons.

Numbers.—Franklin Written Arithmetic to page 105; Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 3; Drawing Book No. 6.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography from page 22 to page 49; outline map drawing.

Language.—Swinton's Language Primer, (entire book).

Oral Lessons.—Conversations upon flowers, plants, domestic and wild animals.

Second Grammar.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Fifth Reader, and suitable supplementary reading; Worcester's New Pronouncing Spelling Book from page 111 to page 163.

Numbers.—Franklin Written Arithmetic from page 88 to page 172; Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 4; Drawing Book No. 7.

Language,—Swinton's Language Lessons, (entire book).

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography from page 49 to page 80; outline map drawing.

Oral Lessons.—Structure of the human body; manufactures of the United States.

First Grammar.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Sixth Reader, including the first fifty-five pages of the introduction; (declamations and readings), suitable supplementary reading, Worcester's New Pronouncing Spelling Book from page 139, spelling and defining from Reader, Geography and other books.

Numbers.—Franklin Written Arithmetic from page 172 to page 234; Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Books No's. 5 and 6, composition, Drawing Book No. 8.

Language.—Swinton's English Grammar to page 134.

History.—Barnes' Brief History of the United States to page 147.

Geography. — Warren's Common School Geography to page 22, and from page 80 to page 96; review United States; map drawing.

Oral Lessons.—Conversations introducing the elements of Botany, Zoology, Geology, etc.

Advanced Grammar

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Sixth Reader, including Introduction, Declamations, Readings and Compositions; Worcester's New Pronouncing Spelling Book; exercises from Pronouncing Hand Book.

Numbers.—Franklin Written Arithmetic from page 234 to page 299; including appendix when practicable; Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Books No's. 6, 7 and 10; Drawing Book No. 9.

Language.—Swinton's English Grammar from page 135; Swinton's School Composition to page 103.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography reviewed, Special Geography of the United States, Warren's Physical Geography, drawing maps and charts illustrative of Physical Geography.

History.—Barnes' Brief History of the U. S. from page 147.

Oral Lessons.—Same as First Grammar, with the addition of State and National Governments and current events.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

It is expected that the course of study will be completed in the time prescribed, and that other matters will not be allowed to prevent, and no change will be made without the vote of the Committee.

Singing.—As directed by the teacher of music. Teachers will devote as much time as can reasonably be spared for that purpose, to singing, and it will be well to occasionally combine this with physical exercise.

Physical Exercises.—A short time each day should be spent in calisthenic exercises and marching. Special attention should be given to secure easy, graceful and healthful positions.

The scholars in Franklin Primary and West Ward Primary Schools will be fitted for the Second Intermediate School.

In the Franklin Intermediate and West Ward Intermediate, for admission to the Second Grammar School.

In the East Ward, North Ward, Woodville and Greenwood Schools, for admission to the First Grammar School.

SAM'L K. HAMILTON,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
GEORGE W. ABORN,
THEODORE E. BALCH,
E. P. COLBY,
WM. N. TYLER,
} School Committee of Wakefield.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

That "there is no royal road to learning" is as true now as when the expression first found utterance, and it is the dictate of wisdom that we impress our minds with the truth that on our own individual efforts we are dependent greatly for the social position we take in society; and that if with the present facilities we do not acquire a fair education we need not blame "our *stars* but *ourselves* that we are underlings." Looking upon those who, though engaged in a regular occupation through life, are able to converse readily upon the various topics which interest mankind, or to quote with fluency passages from Scripture, from history, poetry, &c., we sometimes conclude that they possessed superior advantages in their youth or in early manhood, whereas we ought rather expect to find constant development with continued advantages, and enlarged experience, for that man must spend his time to little account, who plods along through many years without any perceptible acquisition to his stock of knowledge. In looking forward we see so much before us to be attained that a feeling of discouragement sometimes takes possession of us, forgetting that we have to acquire but one new thought at a time, and that obstacles disappear as we approach them.

A remarkable example of perseverance in obtaining knowledge under difficulties is seen in the case of Elihu Burritt, whom Governor Everett styled "the learned blacksmith of Massachusetts." His parents were poor, so that his means of education were limited to the advantages of a district school, and on the death of his father, he was deprived even of those scanty means. Soon after his father's death, being then about fifteen years old, he apprenticed himself to a village blacksmith. He had an indomitable thirst for reading, which he sought to gratify at the public libraries. During the early part of his apprenticeship, as he tells us, it was necessary that he should devote every hour of daylight and portions of the evening to manual labor; yet in that time he read a large number of historical works, and, with what assistance he received from an older brother, he obtained a familiar acquaintance with Latin and Greek, and then pushed on to conquests in modern languages. At the close of his apprenticeship he labored at the anvil eight hours in the day —spent eight hours at the Antiquarian Library at Worcester, and the remaining eight hours he devoted to repose. So great was his desire for knowledge and his determination to obtain it, that at the age of twenty-seven years he was able to read with facility upwards of *fifty* languages. It may be said that this is a very extraordinary case, and so it is, but it is somewhere said: "What man has done, man can do." Let us hear what Mr. Burritt said of himself: "None of my brethren and kindred ever thought that I had any particular *genius* as it is called. I never thought so myself. All that I have accomplished, or expect or hope to accomplish, has been and will be by that plodding, patient, persevering process of accretion which builds up ant-heaps, particle by particle, thought by thought, fact by fact. And if ever I was actuated by ambition, its highest and furthest aspiration reaches no further than the hope to set before the young men of my country an example in employing those invaluable fragments of time called 'odd moments.'"

Few, if any, in this community probably will ever equal in attainments this learned linguist, but every youth among us has as good opportunities as he had, but want of love for study, and lack of energy to overcome obstacles, keep many a one dreaming of that which he would gladly possess, but which he has not the fortitude to pursue and make his own. Who cannot devote one hour in twenty-four to mental culture? And this would be equal in the amount of time to ten weeks annually in school. Formerly apprentices were limited to six weeks schooling in winter, which was all they received through the year, yet many of them so improved their fragments of time that they took their places with the learned and honorable. One may read much however without a purpose in view except to be entertained; but to *study* with a desire to improve the mind, to acquire useful knowledge, and to master the sciences, is a task less easily performed, and requires a vastly stronger effort of the mind and will.

When Edmund Stone, a distinguished mathematician of the last century, was about eighteen years old, he was observed by the Duke of Argyle with a Latin copy of Newton's Principia in his possession. Having himself a taste for the sciences, the Duke entered into conversation with him, propounding many questions, and being surprised at the readiness and accuracy of his answers, asked him how he came by a knowledge of all these things? Stone replied: "A servant taught me ten years since to read. Does one need to know anything but the twenty-four letters in order to learn everything else that one wishes?"

May the youth of our town reflect on what has been accomplished by others under the most forbidding circumstances, toiling both days and evenings for a subsistence — without teachers, without money, and without the favor of friends—and may they find new incentives to quicken their zeal, and to prompt them to more determined efforts in making the most of their time, their energies and their talents, in providing for the intellectual part of their being.

For the coming year the Trustees recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars in addition to the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD MANSFIELD, *Chairman*,
T. E. BALCH, *Secretary*,
C. W. EATON, *Treasurer*,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
JOHN M. CATE,
CYRUS WAKEFIELD,
HARRIET N. FLINT,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
F. P. HURD,
H. H. SAVAGE,
AZEL AMES, JR.,
GEO. H. TEAGUE,
Trustees.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

Cr.

By balance from last year, . . .	$ 2 80	
Town Appropriation, . . .	300 00	
Dog taxes, refunded Town by County,	234 84	
Interest on Flint Fund, . . .	60 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund, . . .	20 10	
Donation from S. K. Hamilton, Esq.,	10 00	
Sale of old books and papers, . .	2 02	
Sale of Catalogues, . . .	8 80	
Fines collected, ...	39 50	
		$678 06

Dr.

To cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian, .	$275 00	
for new books, . . .	320 78	
repairs of books, . .	38 25	
covering paper, . . .	11 90	
express charges and postage,	5 78	
sundries at library, . .	6 32	
printing and advertising, .	8 00	
Balance on hand, . . .	12 03	
		$678 06

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER W. EATON,

Treasurer of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,			7,003
Added by purchase within the year,			254
donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,			37
" " C. E. Flint,			17
" " Hon. Selwyn Z. Bowman,			4
" " Mr. Jotham Aborn,			6
" " State of Massachusetts,			5
" " Newton Public Library,			1
Exchanged for Town History,			1
Number added in each class:			
Theology,	Class 1,	12	
Mental and Moral Science,	2,	13	
Political and Social Science,	3,	10	
Natural Sciences,	4,	12	
Medical Science,	5,	8	
The Arts,	6,	24	
Language and Literature,	7,	34	
History,	8,	19	
Travels, etc.,	9,	25	
Biography,	10,	43	
Poetry,	11,	7	
Fiction,	13,	118	325
Persons having signed the By-Laws,			146
Number of accounts on which books have been charged,			722
Number of books re-bound,			152
" " " discarded,			58
Whole number of books delivered,			25,167
Greatest number to one account,			211
Average number delivered each day,			215
" " " " hour,			43

VICTORINE E. MARSH,
Librarian.

WAKEFIELD, March 19, 1881.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY SINCE PUBLICATION OF LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

THEOLOGY.—CLASS 1.

	CLASS.	NO.
Adventures in Patagonia—Missions. Coan	1	319
Alaska, and Missions on the North Pacific Coast. Jackson		320
Garden Graith. Smiley		325
"Human Race" and Other Sermons. Robertson		329
Lord's Prayer. Gladden		323
Observations Concerning the Trinity, etc. Edwards		322
Religion of China. Legge		326
Story of the Last Days of Jerusalem. From Flavius Josephus		328
Thoughts on Great Mysteries. Selections from Faber		318
True Story of the Eoxdus of Israel. Brugsch-Bey		321
Two Worlds are Ours. Macmillan		324
Young Folks' Bible History. Yonge		327

MENTAL AND MORAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 2.

	CLASS.	NO.
Brain and Mind. Drayton and McNeill	2	171
Duties of Women. Cobbe		178
Hints for Home Reading. Miscellaneous Contributors		174
History of European Morals. Lecky. 2 Vols.		175
How to Enjoy Life. Cornell		169
John Ploughman's Pictures. Spurgeon		173
Letters, &c., to Young Girls and Young Ladies. Selected from Ruskin		168
Might and Right. Selections from Gladstone		170
My College Days. Tomes		172
On the Threshold. Munger		176
Self-Culture. Clarke		177
Woman's Work and Worth. Adams		167

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 3.

	CLASS.	NO.
Certain Dangerous Tendencies in American Life, and Other Papers. Harrison	3	10
Chinese Immigration. Seward		36
Eleventh Annual Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor—1880.		9
Fifth Annual Report of the Board of State Charities—1869.		7
Massachusetts Public Documents—1879. 4 Vols.		6
"New Views on Ireland." Russell		118
Tenth Annual Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor—1879.		8

NATURAL SCIENCES.—CLASS 4.

	CLASS.	NO.
Beef Bonanza. Brisbin	4	199
Boys' and Girls' Book of Science. Strahan		204
Half Hour Recreations in Natural History. Dixon		197
Keeping One Cow.		198
Mind in the Lower Animals. Lindsay. 2 Vols.		200
Natural History of the Strait of Magellan. Cunningham		206
Poetry of Astronomy. Proctor		205
Popular Science Monthly. Vol. 15. Youmans		201
" " " " 16. "		202
" " " " 17. "		203
Transformation of Insects. Duncan		207

MEDICAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 5.

	CLASS.	NO.
Certain Conditions of Nervous Derangement. Hammond	5	86
Headaches—Their Nature, Cause and Treatment. Day		84
Health and Health-Resorts. Wilson		81
Mouth and Teeth. White		79
Our Homes. Hartshorne		80
School and Industrial Hygiene. Lincoln		85
Sea-air and Sea-bathing. Packard		82
Kin in Health and Disease. Bulkley		83

THE ARTS.—CLASS 6.

	CLASS.	NO.
Adjutant General's Report for Year Ending, 1865.	6	195
Agriculture, Board of. 3rd Annual Report of the Secretary—1855. Mass.		182
" " " 6th Annual—1858.		183
" " " 7th " 1859.		184
" " " 8th " 1860.		185
" " " 9th " 1861.		186
" " " 18th " 1870.		187
" " " 23rd " 1875.		188
" " " 24th " 1876.		189
" " " 25th " 1877.		190
" " " 27th " 1879.		191
" " " 13th " 1869-80—(Conn.)		192
" " " 21st " 1879—(Maine.)		193
Art Suggestions from the Masters. (comp.) Carter		198
Census of Mass, for 1875. Agricultural Products and Property.		194
Easiest Way in Housekeeping and Cooking. Campbell		200
Farm Homes—In-doors and Out-doors. Leland		179
Hamersly's Naval Encyclopedia—1881.		197
Massachusetts Agricultural Transactions for 1851.		180
" " " " 1852.		181
Servant Girl Question. Spofford		201
Success with Small Fruits. Roe		178
United States Army and Infantry Tactics. Upton		196
What Girls Can Do. Browne		199

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.—CLASS 7.

	CLASS.	NO.
Anecdote of Public Men. Vol. 2. Forney	7	445
Browsing Among Books. Woolson		431
Catalogue of Mass. State Library—1880.		428
Class Catalogue of Newton Free Library—1880.		438
Cervantes—Foreign Classics. Oliphant		432
Chips from the White House. (com.) Chaplin		444
Critical Essays and Literary Notes. Taylor		436
Dealings with the Dead. Sargent. 2 Vols.		437
Early Spring in Massachusetts. Thoreau		446
Four Centuries of English Letters. (ed. and arr.) Scoones		421
German Thought. Hillebrand		443
Johnson's Lives of the Poets. (ed) Arnold		442

Gœthe's Mother; Correspondence. (trans.) Gibbs	7	427
Life, Poems and Stories of Fitz James OBrien. (ed) Winter		439
Life, Stories and Poems of John Brougham. (ed) Winter		440
Legends of the Old Plantation. Harris		424
My Southern Home. Brown		434
My Wayward Pardner. Holley		433
New England Bygones. Arr		435
Principles and Portraits. Bartol		415
Reminiscences of a Journalist. Congdon		429
Sketches and Reminiscences of the Radical Club. Sargent		425
Students' Shakespeare. Fox		423
Study of Shakespeare. Swinburne		441
Tramp Abroad. Clemens		430
True Manliness. Selected from Hughes. Brown		422
Young Folks' Cyclopedia of Persons and Places. Champlin		426

HISTORY.—CLASS 8.

	CLASS.	NO.
Advance and Retreat. Hood	8	387
Army Life in Russia. Greene		390
Century of Dishonor. Jackson		400
Curious Myths of the Middle Ages. Gould		386
Egypt. Clement		393
History of the Administration of John De Witt. Geddes		403
History of our Times. Vol. 2 McCarthy		391
" " Boxford. Perley		398
" " Creation. Haeckel. 2 Vols.		396
" " the English People. Vol. 4. Green		389
Invasion of the Crimea. Vol. 4. Kinglake		397
Modern Greece. Jebb		388
Old Times in the Colonies. Coffin		399
Origin of Civilization and Primitive Condition of Man. Lubbock		395
Story of the United States Navy. Lossing.		402
Pre-historic Times. Lubbock		394
Young Ireland—1840-1850. Duffy		401

GEOGRAPHY, TOPOGRAPHY AND TRAVELS.—CLASS 9.

	CLASS.	NO.
Across Patagonia. Dixie	9	556
Around the World with Gen. Grant. Young. 2 Vols.		539
Boy Travellers in the Far East. Knox		551
Breton Folk. Blackburn and Caldicott		558
Concord Guide Book. Bartlett		540
Drifting Round the World. Hall		554
Exploration of the World—Navigators. Verne		547
From Hong-Kong to the Himalayas. Clarke		550
Gazeteer of the World—1880. (ed) Lippincott		555
Gleanings from Pontresina. Arnold		537
Holland and its People. Amicis		549
Holiday Rambles.		536
India. Fuedge		541
Isles of Summer; Nassau and the Bahamas. Ives		557
Marco Polo; His Travels and Adventures. Towle		552
New Colorado. Hayes		543
On the Rhine. Miscellaneous Authors.		545
Our Australian Cousins. Inglis		544
Outlying Europe and the Nearer Orient. Moore		542
Recent Travel in Bible Lands. De Hass		538
Summerland Sketches. Oswald		546
Unbeaten Tracks in Japan. Bird. 2 Vols.		553
Zigzag Journey in Classic Lands. Butterworth		548
Reminiscences of Thomas Carlyle. (ed) Froude		628
Reminiscences of an Idler. Wikoff		603
Rossini and His School. Edwards		632
Women of Christendom. Charles		618
Woodworth. Myers		623
Sir William Herschel. Holden		624
Schubert. Frost		633
Sister Augustine, an Old Catholic. Translated from the German.		634
Sketches of Illustrious Soldiers. Wilson		627

BIOGRAPHY.—CLASS 10.

	CLASS.	NO.
Memoir and Reminiscences of Gov. Andrew. Chandler	10	620
Diary and Letters of Madame D'Arblay. (ed) Woolsey.	2 Vols.	602
Life and Letters of Horace Bushnell		605
Elihu Burritt. Northend		593
Recollections and Opinions of an Old Pioneer. Burnett		598

Divine Guidance. Memorial of Allen W. Dodge. Dodge	10	631
Bunyan. Froude		600
Byron. Nichol		613
William Ellery Channing. Brooks		595
Reminiscences of Channing. Peabody		596
Life of William Ellery Channing. Channing		597
Chaucer. Ward		594
Cowper. Smith		604
Eminent English Liberals. Davidson		617
Monsieur Guizot at Home. De Witt		622
Memorials of Frances R. Havergal. Havergal		607
Life of Winfield Scott Hancock. Goodrich		610
Charles D. Helmer. Helmer		609
Sir William Herschel. Holden		624
Records of William M. Hunt. Angell		621
Studies of Irving. Essays.		601
Ladies of the White House. Holloway		625
Memories of My Exile. Kossuth		606
Sir Edwin Henry Lanseer. Stephens		612
Montezuma. Seelye and Eggleston		615
Poets' Homes. Gilman and others.		626
Sister and Saint—Jacqueline Pascal. Weitzel		619
Life and Letters of J. H. Raymond. Lloyd		630
Sir Joshua Reynolds. Pulling		611
Sister Dora; a Biography. Lonsdale		599
Six Life Studies of Famous Women. Betham-Edwards		614
St. Simon. (ed) Oliphant		608
Henry B. Smith: His Life and Work. Smith		616
Adam Smith—1723-1790. Farrar		629

POETRY.—CLASS 11.

	CLASS.	NO.
All Round the Year. Goodale	11	215
Ballads and Other Verses. Fields		214
King's Missive and Other Poems. Whittier		216
Iron Gate and Other Poems. Holmes		210
Poems. Arnold		212
Thou and I. Tilton		209
Ultima Thule. Longfellow		211
Wild Roses of Cape Ann and Other Poems. Larcom		213

PROSE FICTION.—CLASS 13.

	CLASS.	NO.
Adirondack Stories. Deming	13	2069
Among the Thorns. Dickinson		2076
Beauty's Daughters.		2074
Beleaguered City. Oliphant		2057
Ben-Hur; a Tale of the Christ. Wallace		2117
Bricks Without Straw. Tourgee		2096
Brigitta. Auerbach		2108
Captain Fracasse. Gautier		2051
Charity, Sweet Charity. Porter		2132
College Days at Oxford. Adams		2101
Crusoe in New York, etc. Hale		2080
Daphne. "Rita		2068
Day of Fate. Roe		2104
Don John. No Name Series		2146
Dorcas. Craik		2088
Elsie's Widowhood. Finley		2064
End of a Coil. Warner		2097
Endymion. Beaconsfield		2138
Ernestine. Von Hillern. 2 Vols.		2147
Experience of a Barrister. Warren		2079
Fair Haired Alda. Marryat		2107
Famous Victory.		2079
Five Little Southerners. Porter		2137
From Madge to Margaret. Winchester		2085
Grandissimes. Cable		2095
Greatest Heiress in England. Oliphant		2087
Great Expectations. Dickens		2090
Glimpses Through the Cannon Smoke. Forbes		2103
Hal; a Clodhopper. Round		2052
Heart of It. Stoddard		2053
Head of Medusa. Fletcher		2127
Hopeless Case. Fawcett		2070
How I Found It. North and South.		2115
Ilka on the Hill-top, etc. Boyesen		2193
Irene, the Missionary.		2061
Leaden Casket. Hunt		2149
Lenox Dare. Townsend		2140
Little Dorrit. Dickens		2091
Lost Casket. Boisgobey		2141
Lost in a Great City. Douglas		2142
Louisiana. Burnett		2060
Love and Life. Yonge		2109

Loyal Ronins. Translated from the Japanese.	13	2152
Magnum Bonum. Yonge		2058
Margarethe. Juncker		2093
Marion Scatterthwaite. Symington		2129
Mary Anerley. Blackmore		2093
Mary Marston. Macdonald		2143
Man Proposes.		2073
Missy. Wilson		2059
Mother Molly. Peard		2148
Mrs. Beauchamp Brown. No Name Series		2065
Mudfog Papers. Dickens		2086
My Marriage		2128
Nature and Humanity—Little Classics. (ed) Johnson		2135
New Race. Raimund		2067
Odd or Even? Whitney		2062
Off on a Comet. Verne		2130
Oliver Twist. Dickens		2089
Pictures from Ireland. McGrath		2144
Ploughed Under; Story of an Indian Chief.		2153
Pushing Ahead. Rand		2077
Rodman, the Keeper, etc. Woolson		2054
Rue's Helps. Drinkwater		2063
Russian Romance. Poushkin		2126
Salvage. No Name Series.		2082
Sebastian Strome. Hawthorne		2056
Silver Medal. Trowbridge		2124
Sisters. Ebers		2072
Steam House. Verne		2151
Stillwater Tragedy. Aldrich		2094
Stories and Romances. Scudder		2106
Stories of the Sea. (ed) Hale.		2136
Sunrise. Black		2150
Tragedy of the Unexpected. Perry		2071
Troublesome Daughters. Walford		2081
Trumpet Major. Hardy		2131
Two Miss Jean Dawsons. Author of Janet's Service.		2116
Uarda. Ebers. 2 Vols.		2055
Undiscovered Country. Howells		2075
Village Commune. De la Rame (Ouida)		2145
Washington Square. James		2118
Wellfields. Fothergill		2110
White Wings. Black		2084
Wrecked on a Reef.		2102

JUVENILE STORIES.

Aboard the Mavis. Markham	13	2099
Boys' and Girls' Book of Travel and Adventure. Strahan		2134
Christmas Morning. Diaz		2121
Clover Beach. Vandegrift		2098
Down South. Adams (Optic)		2125
Eastward Ho! Farrar		2066
Fairport Nine. Brooks		2120
Guernsey Lily. Woolsey. (Susan Coolidge)		2133
Jack and Jill. Alcott		2113
Japanese Fairy World. Griffis		2122
Mr. Bodley Abroad. Scudder		2092
New Bed-time Stories. Moulton		2105
Peterkin Papers. Hale		2114
Roy's Dory at the Seashore. Rand		2112
Shakespeare's Stories Simply Told. Seamer		2111
Strong Arm and a Mother's Blessing. Kellogg		2119
Twin Cousins. Clarke (Sophy May)		2123
Worse Boy in Town. Habberton		2100

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	John Henry Kenney	Male	January 3	Henry and Mary Ann (Donnelly)	Polisher.
2	Mattie Wellman Young	Female	4	Wesley and Sarah F. (Wellman)	Carpenter.
3	Bertie Lionel Brown	Male	6	James W. and Mary S. (Green)	Laborer.
4	Albert Francis Bracket	"	10	Warren A. and Endora D (Bradley)	Toy boat maker.
5	Wilbur Lamont	"	11	George T. and Lizzie M. (Sterling)	Chair-maker.
6	Styleman Jordan Simpson	"	21	James F. and Mary E. (Eagon)	Chair-maker.
7	Nettie Lena Savage	Female	24	William F. and Augusta A. (Brown)	Moulder.
8	Sadie Toomey	"	26	John and Sarah (Cullen)	Laborer.
9	John Henry Mitchell	Male	27	Henry O. and Marilla M. (Ricker)	Butcher.
10	Mary Elizabeth Morgan	Female	28	Hugh and Mary (Orpin)	Mason.
11	Carrie Ellen Buzzell	"	28	Reuil P. and Carrie V. (Snowdon)	Salesman.
12	Eleanor Louise Darling	"	February 4	David H. and Mary H. (Evans)	Banker.
13	Ellen Maria Sherin	"	5	Francis and Ellen (Foley)	Shoe-dealer.
14	William Marland Griffin	Male	8	William and Emma H. (Hutchinson)	Grocer, -
15	Berenice Dunbar Emerson	Female	8	George D. and Emma H. (Varney)	Shoe-cutter.
16	James Thomas O'Connor	Male	11	James and Mary (Galvan)	Laborer.
17	Daniel Callahan	"	22	Daniel and Katie (Wallace)	Laborer.
18	Edna Crocker Linnell	Female	22	Arthur P. and Ida M. (Wiley)	Chair-maker.
19	Albert Eames Bessey	Male	22	George A. and Sarah F. (Eames)	Shoe-maker.
20	Charles O'Hara	"	24	Charles and Margaret (Kirby)	Stove-fitter.
21	John William Stout	"	25	Richard and Myra (Russell)	Overseer in factory.
22	Charles Archer Stockbridge	"	27	Charles and Estella M. (Young)	Clerk.
23	George Arthur Bennett	"	29	Samuel and Jane (Froton)	Laborer.
24	William Ahlert	"	March 4	William and Elizabeth (Dacy)	Laborer.
25	Elizabeth Holden	Female	9	Michael and Mary (Minnehead)	Junk-dealer.
26	Lucy Bell Hamilton	"	17	Charles R. and Maggie (Mahoney)	Watch-maker.
27	Chester Emile Rahr	Male	18	Christian E. and Emma (Barbour)	Clerk, Custom House.
28	Patrick Joseph Landers	"	29	John and Margaret (Welch)	Laborer.
29	Grace Lillian Hudson	Female	31	Albert J. and Lizzie L (White)	Canvasser.
30	Chester Lowell Prentiss	Male	April 4	J. Herman and Annie M. (Roberts)	Machinist.
31	Walter Irving Mears	"	9	S. Alonzo and Annie J. (Perkins)	Chair-maker.
32	Patrick Francis Butler	"	20	Edward and Mary (Desmond)	Laborer.
33	Louie Cassidy	"	27	Henry L. and Mary A. (Mullen)	Travelling Agent.
34	Nellie Maria Maloney	Female	28	John and Maria (Healey)	Laborer.
35	Alice Hayford Sheldon	"	May 2	Otis E. and Lois J. (Smith)	Grocer.
36	Harley Coburn Wright	Male	3	William H. and Jennie M. (Gillis)	Horse-dealer.
37	Charles Herbert Cutter	"	4	Amos F. and Lucy J. (Oliver)	Needle-maker.
38	Willie Gross Whitford	"	5	J. Clarence and M. Jennie (Gross)	Laborer.

39	William Lowell Gray	Male	May	7	William H. and Mary L.(Lowell)	Carpenter.
40	Nellie M. Deming	Female		8	Charles B. and Nellie E. (Morgan)	Furniture Dealer.
41	Thomas E. Guinan	Male		10	Patrick and Mary A. (Fineran)	Coachman.
42	Annie Louise Gorden	Female		10	Charles W. and Mary L. (Taylor)	Trader.
43	Charles Sullivan	Male		11	Thomas and Ellen (McCarthy)	Basket-maker.
44	John Loughlin	"		11	John and Hannah (Linnane)	Laborer.
45	Mary Eliza Doucett	Female		12	John S. and Margaret (Froton)	Laborer.
46	Walter Eugene Drown	Male		13	Osborn E. and Lizzie (Deacon)	Carpenter.
47	Arthur Elliot Bucknam	"		15	Warren F. and Susan E. (Parkhurst)	Printer.
48	Jerome Carter Tyler	"		15	John H. and Mary C. (Peabody)	Shoe-maker.
49	Amos Carroll Preston	"		17	John A. and May Ida (Chapman)	Clerk.
50	Callie Edela Lord	Female		23	Silas H. and Annie M. (Gordon)	Rattan-worker.
51	Grace Lydia Morrison	"		24	William H. and Alice W. (Beckford)	Clergyman.
52	Marian Grace Johnston	"		24	James and Catherine (Stewart)	Milk-dealer.
53	Annie Margaret Hopkins	"		25	Thomas G. and Mary Ann (Shaughnessy)	Rattan-worker.
54	Charles Leo Weiscopf	Male		25	Leopold and Amy (Drake)	Agent.
55	Michael Roach	"		26	John and Hannah (Sullivan)	Laborer.
56	Lillian Gertrude Smith	Female		28	Thomas D. and Carrie A. (Haywood)	Carpenter.
57	Mercy May Whittemore	"		29	Gerry F. and Sara L. (Thomas)	Commercial Traveller.
58	Etta May Cheever	"		29	William L. and Charlotte (Wood)	Farmer.
59	Marian Rogers	"		29	George A. and Susan P. C. (Cunningham)	Agent.
60	Charles Robert Wait	Male		31	Robert P. and Maria E. (Temple)	Architect.
61	Mary McCleary	Female	June	1	Henry and Kate (Crozier)	Printer.
62	Letitia Margaret Quigley	"		3	John and Letitia M. (Hodson)	Boot and Shoe-maker.
63	May Eliza Gammons	"		9	Herbert W. and Mary A. (Armstrong)	Moulder.
64	Marion Lee Pitman	"		10	Cyrus W. and Emma G. (Jenkins)	Book-keeper.
65	Louise Brown Corey	"		16	Charles A. and Christina B. (Vennard)	Shoe-cutter.
66	Peter Casey	Male		16	Peter and Mary (Conroy)	Laborer.
67	Margaret Greany	Female		17	William and Mary (Connell)	Laborer.
68	Florence Ella Roach	"		22	Marshall and Abbie (Weeks)	Chair-maker.
69	Lena May Eager	"		25	George B. and Mary L. (Connors)	Moulder.
70	Rosa May Hicks	"		27	Thomas and Annie (O'Connell)	Coachman.
71	Hattie Louise Lassell	"	July	6	Charles A. and Mary A. (Green)	Teamster.
72	Lizzie May Taylor	"		13	Ezra B. and Carrie E. (Butterfield)	Tailor.
73	James Barry	Male		14	William and Julia (McDonald)	Laborer.
74	Susie Arvilla Woodward	Female		15	Charles F. and Susie D. (Turnbull)	Shoe Tool Manufac'er.
75	Bertha Hamburgher	"		15	Frank B. and Sophia ()	Laborer.
76	Annie Leona Hunnewell	"		27	Henson E. and Sarah (Deacon)	Carpenter.
77	Lulu Cartland	"		31	J. Henry and Georgiana (Edgecombe)	Ice-dealer.
78	Mattie Lillian Lawrence	"	August	5	Henry and Ella (Hayes)	Chair-maker.
79	Winnie Louis Finney	Male		6	Lester K. and Carrie L. (Nickerson)	Salesman.
80	Daniel Harrington	"		12	Humphrey and Mary (Mahoney)	Laborer.
81	George O. Froton	"		15	Simon and Fanny (Doucett)	Laborer.
82	Grace Abbie Dager	Female		17	James W. and Eliza Ann (Brown)	Shoe-maker.
83	Arthur Lyman Hawkes	Male		23	Lyman B. and Alice N. (Nourse)	Mechanic
84	William Foster Hughes	"		24	William J. and Sarah E. (Earle)	Stove-mounter.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880 (Concluded).

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
85	Robert Alexander Reynolds	Male	August 25	Robert S. and Susan E. (Smith)	Rattan-worker.
86	Lillian May Abbott	Female	28	Osceola H. and Flora H. (Parker)	Paper-hanger.
87	William Joseph Counihan	Male	29	Cornelius R. and Mary C. (Ryan)	Baker.
88	Frederick Sweeney	"	Sept. 4	William and Annie (Mulrey)	Laborer.
89	Mary Abbie White	Female	9	Samuel and Jane W. (Bushee)	Laborer.
90	Annie Maria Evans	"	13	Daniel C. and Annie M. (Robinson)	Mechanic.
91	Charles Edward Butler	Male	13	Aaron and Abbie A. (Taylor)	Confectioner.
92	Daniel Reagan	"	14	James and Hannah (Coakley)	Weaver.
93	Rollin Gowen	"	15	Franklin A. and Mary J. (Horne)	Book-seller.
94	Edith Tredworth Gilson	Female	17	Clarence and Katie (Riley)	Overseer, Needle fac'y.
95	Ethel May Nickerson	"	20	Gilbert A. and Abbie L. (Townsend)	Chair-maker.
96	Elizabeth Francis Hickey	"	23	Cornelius and Bridget (Conner)	Carpenter.
97	Edith Newton Hale	"	23	Henry F. and Annie A. (Deacon)	Signal-man.
98	Helen Sawyer Eldridge	"	23	Everett D. and Elizabeth F. (Ames)	Clerk.
99	Lawrence Drew Somers	Male	24	Frank D. and Harriet P. (Hervey)	Merchant Tailor.
100	Mary Louise Haggerty	Female	October 3	Daniel and Catherine (McKay)	Stove-mounter.
101	Charles Henry Welsh	Male	16	Thomas and Julia (Chamberlain)	Weaver.
102	John O'Hare	"	16	John and Mary (Forrest)	Rattan-worker.
103	James Francis Curley	"	16	James and Delia S. (Feeney)	Marble-cutter.
104	Edward George Hayes	"	17	George and Maria (Davidson)	Soldier.
105	John Henry Rosson	"	21	Charles P. and Emma (Robinson)	Chair-maker.
106	James Cregg Stewart	"	Nov. 1	Alexander and Margaret (McKechnie)	Rope-maker.
107	Frank Henry McManus	"	4	John A. and Mary (Gahagon)	Paper-hanger.
108	Edith S. Harper	Female	5	Henry and Sarah [Timmins]	Rattan-worker.
109	John Fred White	Male	17	—— Clara White []	
110	Ethel May Blake	Female	19	George E. and Mary H [Croft]	Lumber-dealer.
111	Ernest Frost Johnson	Male	19	Alexander J. and Sarah L. [Russell]	Laborer.
112	Nellie Keegan	Female	23	Gerald and Nellie [Foley]	Rattan-worker.
113	Stanley Heustis McNeil	Male	24	Henry and Helen F. [Wilder]	Rattan-worker.
114	Richard Trahey	"	26	Thomas and Ellen [Forrest]	Laborer.
115	Thomas Collins	"	29	John and Catherine [Reagan]	Laborer.
116	Elene Augustine Robinson	Female	30	Frank and Mamie A. [Berry]	Steam-pipe fitter.
117	Thomas Masterson	Male	Dec. 4	Patrick and Mary Ann [Doherty]	Chair-maker.
118	James Lally	"	4	Thomas and Annie [Connors]	Laborer.
119	Michael Lally	"	4	Thomas and Annie (Connors)	Laborer.
120	Arthur Lucius Evans	"	5	Harvey B. and Carrie L. [Hobbs]	Shoe maker.
121	Adeline Miller	Female	7	James T. and Adeline [Bezanson]	Wheelwright.
122	Charlotte Elizabeth Downs	"	14	Patrick and Kate L. [Atkinson]	Rattan-worker.

123	Conway Jenson	Male	Dec.	15....	Conrad and Ella Gertrude [illegible]	
124	Josephine Daley	Female		15....	Dennis and Ellen [Daley]	Laborer.
125	James William Irvine	Male		20....	Robert and Annie [Muir]	Weaver.
126	Justin George McCarthy	"		21....	Dennis and Kate [Finnegan]	Engineer.
127	Denecious Crowley	"		25....	Peter and Hannah [McCarthy]	Laborer.
128	Alice Louisa Knight	Female		26....	Willis H. and Bertha C. [Haywood]	Shoe-cutter.
129	—— Burditt	Male		26....	John B. and Lizzie F. [Weston]	Shoe-maker.
130	Beatrice Blanchard Smith	Female	March	19....	Taylor F. and Jennie H. [Blanchard]	Wine Merchant.

Birth not registered in 1879.

	Stella May Coker	Female	May	12....	Frederic G. and Inez M.	Carpenter.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom Married.*
Jan. 11	Frederick, Forrest O..	22	Stoneham.....	Shoemaker	Stoneham.....	John E. and Mary.....	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Russell, Carrie I	21	Wakefield		New York City..	David and Sarah.....	"	Wakefield.
Feb. 3	Hill, Rufus P.....	25	Belfast, Me....	Farmer.....	Northport, Me...	Rufus P. and Mary.....	First	Rev. Gilbert C, Osgood,
	Lenfest, Martha E.....	25	Union, Me.....		Union, Me.....	John and Lavinia.....	"	Wakefield.
3	Grinnell, Oscar S.....	23	Union, Me.....	Laborer	Union, Me.....	John and Almira	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Lenfest, Cora L.....	17	Union, Me.....		Union, Me.....	John and Lavinia.....	"	Wakefield.
8	Arrington, Wm. M....	74	Wakefield	Painter.....	Salem, Mass.....	Joseph and Catherine.....	Second ..	Rev. D. N. Beach,
	Crane, Rebecca.....	64	Wakefield		Wakefield	William and Rebecca.....	"	Wakefield.
10	Hines, Martin.....	20	Stoneham.....	Shoemaker	Malden	Andrew and Eliza.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Leonard, Delia A	21	Wakefield.....		Ireland	Roger and Ann.....	"	Wakefield.
18	Tuttle, Charles R.....	26	Wakefield	Salesman.....	Saugus	Andrew J. and Lucy B.....	Second ..	Rev. John P. Bland,
	Schaffer, Mary L.....	26	Cambridgeport		Boston.....	Conrad and Mary L.....	First	Cambridge.
21	Randall, Charles E....	26	Freeport, Me..	Straw-worker..	Freeport, Me....	Daniel and Rebecca.....	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Curtis, Alice N	21	Freeport, Me .		Freeport, Me....	Nelson and Phœbe A.....	"	Wakefield.
Mar. 3	Pratt, John J....	46	Wakefield	Civil Engineer.	Charlestown, Ms.	Henry C. and Sarah H..... ...	First	Rev. Geo. E. Merrill,
	Emerson, Ida A.....	30	Salem, Mass...		Lynnfield, Mass.	Daniel P. and Mehitable P.....	"	Salem, Mass.
6	Cloutman, Charles E..	19	Stoneham.....	Shoemaker	Stoneham, Mass.	Eliphalet and Mary.....	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Junkins, Sadie P.....	19	Stoneham.....		Beverly, Mass...	George and Caroline	"	Wakefield.
April 17	Alden, Walter C.....	21	Malden..... ..	Merchant.....	Winchester.....	David A. and Mira.....	First	Chas. F. Hartshorne,
	Serrett, Emma L.....	17	Melrose.....		Melrose....	William F. and Mary	"	Justice of the Peace,
								[Wakefield.
18	McTigue, Robert.....	27	Wakefield	Rattan-worker.	Ireland	James and Eliza	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Downey, Mary Jane..	21	Wakefield		Ft. Edward, N.Y.	John and Susan.....	" ...	Wakefield.

Apr. 27	Robinson, Frank H...	21	Wakefield.....	Machinist.....	Exeter, N. H.....	James H. and Elizabeth A.....	First	Rev. Austin S. Garver,	
	Berry, Mamie A.....	18	Wakefield.....		Belfast, Me.....	Zethan and Adelia.....	"	Wakefield.	
May 1	Baldwin, Andrew.....	38	Wakefield.....	Shoemaker....	Ireland.....	Timothy and Ellen.....	Second ..	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Cox, Mary.....	31	Wakefield.....		Ireland.....	John and Catherine.....	"	Wakefield.	
6	Stoddard, Geo. W.....	39	Wakefield.....	Shoemaker....	Wakefield.....	Farnum W. and Emily O.....	Second ..	Rev. H. A. Stevens,	
	Blake, Annie L.....	31	Wakefield.....		Exeter, N. H.....	John P. and Mary J.....	First	Brighton Dist.	
15	Tyzzer, Wm. H.....	22	Wakefield.....	Chair-maker...	Wakefield.....	Josiah and Sarah.....	First	Rev. Chas. M. Melden,	
	Rich, Addie F.....	22	Saugus.....		Saugus.....	William H. and Louisa A.....	"	Lynn.	
19	Mansfield, Austin L...	24	Wakefield.....	Wood and Coal	Wakefield.....	James J. and Martha B.....	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood.	
	Noble, Clara A.....	23	Wakefield.....	Dealer	Beloit, Wis.....	Oscar W. and Martha S.....	"	Wakefield.	
20	Connell, Timothy.....	40	Wakefield.....	Laborer.....	Ireland.....	Timothy and Katherine.....	Second ..	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Flynn, Mary.....	50	Wakefield.....		Ireland.....	James and Hannah.....	"	Wakefield.	
20	Savage, Thomas.....	28	Wakefield.....	Cook.....	Virginia.....	Shadrack and Eliza.....	First	Rev. D. N. Beach,	
	Clark, Charlotte.....	17	Wakefield.....		Nova Scotia.....	John M. and Mary Ann.....	"	Wakefield.	
30	DeRoach, George.....	24	Wakefield.....	Chair-maker...	Nova Scotia.....	Alexander and Angelic.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Kenney, Mary T.....	22	Wakefield.....		Wakefield.....	Patrick and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.	
30	Meloney, John A.....	29	Wakefield.....	Moulder.....	London, Eng....	John and Hannah.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Fitzgerald, Mary J....	24	Wakefield.....		Winchendon, Ms	Maurice and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.	
June 3	Burditt, Geo. H.....	23	Wakefield.....	Shoemaker....	No. Reading.....	Ebenezer N. and Nancy J.....	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell,	
	Gray, Emma.....	31	Wakefield.....		Wakefield.....	Israel and Marian.....	Second ..	Wakefield.	
10	Paine, J. Thomas.....	27	Wakefield.....	Salesman.....	Stoneham.....	John and Ellen.....	First	Rev. Joseph Jenks,	
	Taft, Hannah H.....	25	E. Bridgewater		E. Bridgewater..	George H. and Mary J.....	"	E. Bridgewater.	
16	Purdy, James E.....	22	Wakefield.....	Salesman.....	Saco, Me.....	Edward and Fannie G.....	First	Rev. Wm. H. Morrison,	
	Blanchard, Carrie. ...	21	Wakefield.....		Wakefield.....	Abner N. and Hannah.....	"	Wakefield.	
July 3	Blyth, Robert.....	30	Wakefield.....	Moulder.....	Scotland.....	Thomas and Betsey.....	First	Rev. W. H. Ryder,	
	Alexander, Alice A...	23	Wakefield.....		Yarmouth, Me...	John and Ellen A.....	"	Malden.	
25	McTigue, John.....	23	Wakefield.....	Laborer.....	Ireland.....	James and Eliza.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Murphy, Mary.....	23	Wakefield....		Ireland.....	Daniel and Margaret.....	"	Wakefield.	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By Whom Married.*
Aug. 1	Huntress, Chas. W....	25	Wakefield.....	Rattan-worker.	Meredith, N. H..	Charles E. and Ann M.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	White, Rosa M.....	24	Wakefield.....		Yarmouth, N.S..	John B. and Fanny.....	"	Wakefield.
2	Roach, John.....	26	Wakefield.....	Rattan-worker.	Ireland.....	John and Bridget.....	First ..	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Kelley, Mary.....	25	Wakefield.....		Ireland.....	Patrick and Mary.....	"	Wakefield.
4	Grace, J. Wallace.....	29	Wakefield.....	Clerk.....	Burmingham, Pa	William and Sarah E.....	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Littlefield, Adelia J...	22	Wakefield.....		Wakefield.....	Samuel F. and Alecta J.....	"	Wakefield.
23	Colburn, Orlando S....	26	Wakefield. ...	Hostler.....	Milford, N. H....	Irvin and Melissa.....	First	Rev. J. F. Mears,
	Jackson, Margery.....	27	Wakefield.....		U. Woodstock, [N. B	Charles and Henrietta.....	"	Reading.
23	Hunnewell, Frank S..	22	Lynn	Driver.....	Lynn.....	Frank and Elizabeth.....	First	Rev. Wm. H. Morrison,
	Pedrick, Anna K.....	22	Lynn.....		Lynn.....	Thomas and Sarah.....	"	Wakefield.
Sept. 2	Melendy, Reuben F...	22	Reading.....	Engineer.....	Reading.....	Dudley and Elizabeth.....	First	Rev. David N. Beach,
	Wilder, Nellie L.....	22	Reading.....		Chesterfield.....	Baxter and Eliza.....	"	Wakefield,
4	Murphy, Patrick.....	25	Wakefield.....	Laborer.....	Ireland.....	Daniel and Margaret.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Sullivan, Ellen.....	25	Wakefield.....		Ireland.....	Eugene and Johana.....	"	Wakefield.
4	Brooks, Wm. C.....	21	Boston.....	Clerk.....	Boston.....	William F. and Mary A.....	First	Rev. W. H. Morrison,
	Hodges, Emma B.....	18	Boston.....		Boston.....	Ebenezer and Clementina.....	"	Wakefield.
5	Worster, John H.....	21	Lyman, Me....	Carpenter.....	Lyman, Me.....	David and Hannah E	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,
	Andrews, Iola E.....	19	Lyman, Me....		Lyman, Me.....	Aaron and Mary	"	Wakefield.
7	Dardis, Michael E.....	25	Watertown.....	Carriage paint-	Newton.....	James and Alice	First	Rev. David N. Beach,
	Holt, Maria F.....	19	No. Reading...	er	No. Reading.....	Samuel W. and Nancy	"	Wakefield.
14	Ryan, Richard.....	26	Wakefield.....	Chair-maker...	Ireland.....	James and Bridget.....	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Sullivan, Mary Ann...	21	Wakefield.....		Ireland.....	Patrick and Margaret.....	"	Wakefield.

Oct. 6	Phinney, Lewis L.	25	Wakefield	Teamster	Nova Scotia	Charles H. and Charlotte L.	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell,	
	Morrill, Lillia M.	25	Wakefield		Derby, Vt.	John G. and Nancy A.	"	Wakefield.	
13	Hodson, John	21	Boston	Painter	England	Robert and Letitia M.	First	Rev. David N. Beach,	
	Robertson, Mary A	20	Wakefield		Scotland	John and Mary	"	Wakefield.	
15	Mansfield, Wilber F.	22	Wakefield	Carpenter	Saugus	Lorenzo and Abbie E.	First	Rev. William Butler,	
	Wormwood, Minnie E.	19	Wakefield		Waltham	James G. and Rachel	"	Melrose.	
26	Dunbar, George E.	25	Wakefield	Printer	Waterville, Me.	Edwin and Eliza P.	First	Rev. R. R. Riddell,	
	Lane, Myra H.	22	Wakefield		Wakefield	Loami C. and Rachel E.	"	Wakefield.	
27	Reed, Edward A.	21	Wakefield	Carpenter	Lynn, Mass.	Edwin W. and Elmira	First	Rev. Alfred A. Wright,	
	Slocomb, Etta W.	19	Wakefield		Melrose	John and Rosetta F.	"	Lynn.	
28	Mathew, Geo. W.	22	Wakefield	Wheelwright	P. E. Island	William and Eliza	First	Rev. W. F. Potter,	
	Scott, Annie J.	23	Arlington		P. E. Island	John and Annie S.	"	Arlington.	
Nov. 1	McMurray, J. Stuart.	28	Boston	Machinist	St. Johns, N. B.	John and Susan	First	Rev. Albert Dunning,	
	Wales, Isabella	23	Wakefield		Reading	John and Mary	"	Boston.	
20	Whittaker, Charles A.	24	Wakefield	Cane-worker	Irving, Mass.	Albert I. and Mary A.	First	Edward Mansfield,	
	Hurly, Annie D.	18	Wakefield		Kingston, Mass.	Michael and Ann A	"	Justice of the Peace, [Wakefield.	
21	Porter, Charles J.	26	Boston	Basket-maker	Boston	James C. and Mary J.	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Larkin, Nellie T.	22	Wakefield		Ireland	John and Theresa	"	Wakefield.	
21	Lynch, Dennis	26	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	John and Ellen	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Buckley, Mary	25	Wakefield		Ireland	Cornelius and Ellen	"	Wakefield.	
23	Swan, Thomas F.	33	Boston	Merchant	Ireland	Patrick and Mary	Second	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	O'Hea, Nellie A.	27	Wakefield		Wakefield	Bartholomew and Johana	First	Wakefield.	
24	White, Joseph H.	21	Wakefield	Laborer	Yarmouth, N. S.	Peter and Elizabeth	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Muise, Madeline	19	Wakefield		Yarmouth, N. S.	Jeremiah and Evelina	"	Wakefield.	
24	Hilton, Moses R.	24	Wells, Me.	Rattan-worker	Wells, Me.	Edward and Katie	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley,	
	Cavanagh, Agnes	36	Wakefield		Almont, Canada	Michael T. and Sarah	"	Wakefield.	
25	Evans, Wm. L.	23	Wakefield	Book-keeper	Lynnfield	William O. and Francis F.	First	Rev. Gilbert C. Osgood,	
	Sanborn, Estella I.	23	Wakefield		Tamworth, N. H.	Joseph and Susan	"	Wakefield.	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By Whom Married.*
Nov. 26	Keeley, James	30	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	John and Mary	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Sculley, Eliza	25	Wakefield		Ireland	John and Catherine	"	
Dec. 2	Bryant, Edward M.	21	Wakefield	Fireman	Boston	—— and Harriet	First	Rev. John N. Short, Stoneham.
	Johnson, Lucy A.	22	Wakefield		Northwood, N.H.	A. Jenness and Sarah	"	
18	Rowell, Orvus R.	21	Reading	Mechanic	New London, NH	Richard H. and Anne L.	First	Rev. David N. Beach, Wakefield.
	Robinson, Jane A.	22	Reading		Nova Scotia	James and Jane A.	"	
22	Lucas, Wm. T.	23	Charleston, W. [Va.	Clerk	Richmond, Va.	Alexander and Sarah	First	Rev. David N. Beach, Wakefield.
	Hunt, Ada Belle	19	Wakefield.		Washington, DC.	James G. and Jennie B	"	
24	Blackburn, William	41	Wakefield	Machinist	London, Eng.	William and Sarah	Second	Rev. S. W. Bush, Boston.
	Williams, Minnie	36	Boston		Exeter, Eng.	William and Elizabeth	"	
25	Thompson, Thomas	25	Wakefield	Mariner	England	David and Hannah	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Whelan, Sarah A.	20	Wakefield		Boston	Daniel and Mary Ann	"	
25	Pendergast, Edmund	28	Kingston, Mass	Laborer	Ireland	John and Margaret	First	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Reagan, Margaret	26	Wakefield		Ireland	Michael and Nora	"	
29	Winship, Frank A.	23	Wakefield	Clerk	Boston	Thomas and Maria	First	Rev. F. S. Adams, Reading.
	Carter, Mary L.	22	Reading		Reading	William and Martha A.	"	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 5	Scott, Walter G.	0	4	0	Single		Wakefield	Addison G. and Lenore	Convulsions.
17	McDougall, Chester A.	27	0	1	Married	Iron-moulder	Waterloo, P. Q.	George and Elizabeth	Abscess of the Bowels.
23	Allen, Daniel	69	3	0	"	Merchant	Walpole, Mass.	Daniel and Patience	Induration of Liver.
29	Dacy, Catherine J.	18	2	11	Single		Boston	Timothy and Honora	Disease of Kidneys.
Feb. 8	Lord, Harry A.	6	10	20			Somerville	Horace and Julia A.	Diphtheria.
9	Cunningham, Ruth H. (Thomp-	85	6	6	Widow		Brunswick, Me.	Robert and Ruth	Apoplexy.
12	Upham, Albert A. [son)	0	9	25			Bremen, Me.	Albert S. and Mary E	Bronchitis.
12	Haywood, Mary (Frye)	70	4	26	Widow		No. Andover	Philip and Sarah	Ossification of Heart.
15	Lord, Clara A.	2	10	12			Somerville	Horace and Julia A.	Diphtheria.
20	Parker, Martha E, (Emerson)	76	10	21	Married		Wakefield	Jonathan and Martha	Pneumonia.
21	Sterling, Emily C.	25	7	24	Single		Nova Scotia	James and Harriet	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
24	Mitchell, David O.	4	7	2			North Reading	Henry O. and Mary M.	Diphtheria.
25	Regan, Richard	0	7	0			Wakefield	Timothy and Mary	Congestion of the Brain.
Mar. 4	McCleary, Ellen	23	3	23	Single		Boston	Thomas and Honora	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
5	Williams, Frances E.	33	0	12	Married	Clerk	Wakefield	Francis and Laura M.	Pneumonia.
12	Lynch Thomas	70	9	0			Ireland	Michael and Margaret	Apoplexy with Palsy.
16	Parks, Mary Blanche	5	9	1			Keene, N. H.	Clarence A. and Helen S.	Cerebral Meningitis.
20	Reagan, Joseph D.	1	10	17			Wakefield	Timothy and Mary	Accident by Scalding.
29	McMahan, Francis Joseph	10	0	0			Wakefield	John and Mary	Enlarged Liver.
April 2	Peck, Lydia Parker (Wiley)	36	5	11	Married		Wakefield	David and Mary E.	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
4	Mertens, Mary A.	65	11	6	"		Holland	Unknown	Pneumonia.
6	Wiley, Francis	61	2	25	"	Cordwainer	Wakefield	Leonard and Sally	Bright's Disease.
9	Bryant, William C.	60	0	13	"	Carpenter	Wakefield	Ebenezer and Hannah	Paralysis.
11	Sherman, Pauline K.	44	1	22	Single		Provincetown	Micah and Pauline	Carcinoma.
13	Cutter Martial A. (Mott)	51	4	20	Widow		Cohasset, Mass.	Joseph and Lydia A.	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
17	Kimball, Mary L. (Lawn)	59	1	0	Married		Ireland	Frank	Endocarditis.
25	Noyes, Lucretia D Campbell)	48	10	4	Widow	School Teacher	Springfield, N.H.	John and Sally	Cancer.
26	White, Cyrus Newell	52	8	1	Married	Iron-moulder	Norton, Mass.	Cyrus and Sarah S.	Pneumonia.
May 12	Greaney, Margaret	84	0	0	Widow		Ireland	David and Mary	Old Age.
16	Mansfield, Sydney W.	17	3	15	Single	Machinist	Malden	Elbridge G. & Elizabeth A	Diphtheria.
16	Meloney, Hannah (O'Donnell)	73	0	0	Married		Ireland	Michael and Hannah	Heart Disease.
18	Anderson, John.	72	2	21	"	Merchant	Merrimac, N. H.	Robert and Nancy	Cancer of Stomach.
18	Madden, Thomas F.	0	4	12			Wakefield	John W. and Margaret	Meningitis.
20	Day, Almo J.	27	1	10	Single		Reading	James M. and Maria A.	Consumption.
20	Deming, Nellie E (Morgan)	24	3	26	Married		Plainfield, N.H.	Dana N. and Julia A.	Acute Pleurisy.
26	Madden, John W.	37	4	28	"	Mason	Ireland	Patrick ——	Consumption.
27	Guinan, Mary A. (Fineran)	26	9	0	"		Ireland	Edward and Margaret	Puerperal Fever.
29	Webster, John	37	8	3	"	Chair-maker	Yorkshire, Eng.	Thomas and Caroline	Typhoid Fever.
30	Fowle, Keziah (Baldwin)	74	0	0	Widow		Nashua, N. H.	Reuel and Elizabeth	Consumption.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1880.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
June 4	McDonald, Mary (Connell)....	51	3	0	Widow.....		Ireland.....	Michael and Mary.....	Pneumonia.
6	Clark, Hephzibah S. (Hurd)...	57	3	29	Married.....	House-wife.....	Orleans, Mass...	Gould and Belinda.....	Disease of Brain.
8	Mansfield, Rebecca S. (Breed).	39	4	24	Widow.....	House-wife.....	Salem, Mass.....	Hubbard and Rebecca....	Typhoid Pneumonia.
17	Carey ——.....	0	0	0			Wakefield.....	George E. and Emma L...	Still born.
23	Carey, Emma L. (Wentworth)	37	3	18	Married.....		Boston.....	Daniel and Lydia C.....	Puerperal Peritonitis.
July 4	Guinan, Thomas E.....	0	1	24			Wakefield.....	Patrick and Mary.....	Bronchitis.
5	Lusy, Julia (Hogan).....	87	0	0	Widow.....		Ireland.....	Cornelius and Ellen.....	Hemorrhage of Lungs.
7	Houston ——.....	0	0	0			Wakefield.....	James and Catherine.....	Still Born.
8	Evans, Etta Mabel.....	19	10	18	Single.....		Wakefield.....	Lucius B. and Emily W...	Typhoid Fever.
9	Froton, John A.....	0	10	5			Wakefield.....	Simon and Fanny.....	Canker.
13	Dunshee, Edmund A.....	0	8	18			Wakefield.....	Allen L. and Sarah M.....	Enteritis.
31	Braxton, Robert Alexander...	19	0	15	Single.....		Portsmouth, Va.	Robert and Lucy A.....	Congestion of Lungs.
Aug. 2	Ritchie, Rosa Maud.....	0	10	0			Wakefield.....	Albert M. and Rosa L.....	Enteritis and Bronchitis.
8	Lewis, Edwin M.....	18	4	24		Telephone Op'r..	Charlestown.....	Edwin M. and Elizabeth..	Consumption.
11	O'Brien, William.....	76	0	0	Married.....		Ireland.....	Patrick and Mary.....	Old Age.
11	Sweeney, Delia.....	6	1	12			Wakefield.....	William and Annie.....	Diphtheria.
12	Hall, Amasa W.....	77	3	14		Jeweller.....	Hanson, Mass...	Kielah and Lucy.....	Palsy.
13	Mahan, Margaret.....	12	10	5			Wakefield.....	James and Mary J.....	Diphtheria.
13	Tucker, Charles C.....	37	10	29	Single.....	Shoemaker.....	Wakefield.....	Peter and Naomi.....	Consumption.
15	Sweeney, William.....	4	7	22			Wakefield.....	William and Annie.....	Diphtheria.
18	Bracket, Mildred.....	2	3	0			Somerville.....	Warren A. and Eudora D.	Basilor Meningitis.
21	O'Neil, Thomas H.....	7	7	25			Wakefield.....	Michael and Mary.....	Diphtheria.
Sept. 3	Black, Ellen S.....	0	9	15			Portland, Me....	Albert and Ann.....	Marasmus.
7	Heselton, Catherine (Morgan).	26	0	0	Married.....		Ireland.....	John and Ellen.....	Consumption.
8	Sullivan, Charles.....	0	7	0			Wakefield.....	John and Mary.....	Cholera Infantum.
16	Kendall, Benjamin.....	80	6	0	Widower....		Clinton, Me.....	Abiah and Huldah.....	Old Age.
18	Abbott, Lillian May.....	0	0	21			Wakefield.....	Osceola H. and Flora H...	Marasmus.
20	Walch, Mary Teresa.....	22	8	28	Single.....		Boston.....	Patrick and Maria.....	Gastritis.
21	Randall, Geo. H.....	37	11	0	Married.....	Laborer.....	Great Falls, N.H.	John and Lydia.....	Meningitis.
Oct. 3	Taylor, Lizzie May.....	0	2	20			Worcester.....	Ezra B. and Carrie E. ...	Cholera Infantum.
10	Ahlert, Albert W.....	3	2	14			Wakefield.....	William and Elizabeth....	Diphtheria.
13	Simpson, Styleman J.....	0	8	13			Wakefield.....	James S. and Mary C.....	Cholera Infantum.
15	Hartshorne, Mary P. (Poole)..	83	9	0	Widow.....		Woburn.....	Thomas and Ruth.....	Congestion of Lungs.
15	Coleman, Mary.....	9	3	15			Dorchester.....	Patrick and Mary.....	Diphtheria.
21	Jenson, Conrad.....	31	7	2	Married.....	Inventor.....	Friesland.....	Jan Simon and Kirke.....	Railroad Accident.
26	Glover, Frederic H.....	31	4	5	Single.....	Grinder.....	Boston.....	Kittridge and Frances A..	Accident by Machinery.
28	Terrell, Henry.....	16	0	0			England.....	Henry and Ellen.....	Diphtheria.
31	Carey, Hannah.....	70	0	0	Widow.....		Ireland.....	Unknown.....	Disease of Liver.
Nov. 1	Dineen, Emma (Brown).....	27	11	0	Married.....		Boston.....	Nicholas and Ann M.....	Cardiac Dropsy.

Nov.	3	Wooldridge, Maria C.	31	0	17	Married		England	John and Mary Ann	Consumption.	
	4	Adams, Deborah	72	6	0	Widow		Newington, N. H.	John G. and Mary	Cardiac Dropsy.	
	6	Lamb, James B	31	3	0	Married	Pork Business	Winslow, Me	Luther R. and Mary B	Cerebral Hemorrhage.	
	9	Moore, Annie M	43	1	29	Single		Frankfort, Me	James and Paulina	Typhoid Fever.	
	10	Wooldridge, Annie A	0	8	15			At sea, lat. 42°12m. long. 65°27m	William and Maria C	Consumption.	
	14	McAvoy, James	69	0	0	Married	Tailor	Ireland	Unknown	Pneumonia.	
	20	Oliver, John	59	2	8	"	Grocer	Wakefield	Daniel S. and Susan	Asthma.	
	23	Kingman, Samuel	78	0	3	"		Hingham, Mass.	John and Hannah	Apoplexy.	
	27	Pratt, Henry C	76	5	0	"	Artist	Orford, N. H	Joseph and Lydia M	Consumption.	
	30	Whittemore, Sarah E	39	11	2	Single		Charlestown	Ambrose and Eleanor	Consumption.	
Dec.	2	Jordan, Mary P. (Cole)	45	7	16	Married		Saco, Me	Benjamin F. and Mary P	Peritonitis.	
	4	Lassell, Rozella (Meaker)	32	11	24	"		Saint George, Me	James ——	Consumption.	
	5	Lamont, Bertha A	2	9	0			Wakefield	George T. and Lizzie M	Membranous Croup.	
	5	Eames, Frederic T	21	6	17	Single		Winchester	John C. and Hannah M	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	
	7	Lufkin, Sarah G. (Waitt)	68	8	8	Married		Wakefield	John and Elizabeth	Typhoid Fever.	
	10	Connell ——	0	0	0			Wakefield	Jeremiah and Margaret	Still Born.	
	11	Green, Charles W	65	2	17	Married	Farmer	Wakefield	Charles and Mary	Heart Disease.	
	13	Mellen, William A	41	6	26	"	Shoe-maker	New York	William A.——	Bright's Disease Kidney.	
	13	Beach, Tappan	0	0	0			Wakefield	David N. Lillian T	Still Born.	
	14	Twisden, Thomas	60	1	0	Married	Baker	Marblehead	Thomas and Hannah	Dropsy.	
	23	Brown, Alice M	7	8	1			Providence, R. I.	James W. and Mary S	Diphtheria.	
	25	Lyons, John	76	6	0	Widower	Farmer	Ireland	William and Johanna	Chronic Cystitis.	
	29	Brown, Basil W	4	5	24			Providence, R. I.	James W. and Mary S	Dipthheria.	
	27	Low, John F	2	4	0			Wakefield	John and Rosanna F	Diphtheria.	
	30	Frost, Edith C	1	1	19			Wakefield	William H. and Mary L	Pneumonia.	

RECAPITULATION.

Births Registered in 1880,	130
Males,	71
Females,	59

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield,	12	13
other towns in United States,	62	58
British Provinces,	10	16
Ireland,	31	32
England,	5	5
Scotland,	3	3
Wales,	0	1
Friesland,	1	0
Germany,	1	1
Prussia,	2	0
Denmark,	1	0
At Sea,	1	0
West Indies,	0	1

Marriages Registered in 1880,

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield,	3	6
other towns in United States,	34	32
British Provinces,	5	7
Ireland,	11	11
Scotland,	1	1
England,	4	1
First Marriage,	51	53
Second "	7	5
No. under 20 years of age,	1	14
between 20 and 30,	49	37
30 and 40,	4	5
40 and 50,	3	0
50 and 60,	0	1
60 and 70,	0	1
70 and 80,	1	0

Deaths Registered in 1880,		103
Males,	52	
Females,	51	
Average age, 33 yrs., 11 mos., 28 days.		
Number under 5 years of age,		24
between 5 and 10,		6
" 10 and 20,		8
" 20 and 30,		10
" 30 and 40,		14
" 40 and 50,		5
" 50 and 60,		6
" 60 and 70,		8
" 70 and 80,		13
" 80 and 90,		5
Still Born,		4

Nativity of persons deceased.

Born in Wakefield,	34
other towns of United States,	48
British Provinces,	2
Ireland,	13
England,	3
Holland,	1
Friesland,	1
At Sea,	1

Number of Dogs Licensed in 1880,			123
Males, 115.	Females, 8.		
Cash paid County Treasurer,		$245	40

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE,
Town Clerk.

Mr. Balch presents the following statement, as Treasurer of the Board of Overseers:

T. E. BALCH, TREASURER.

In Account with Overseers of the Poor.

Dr.

1880.			
To balance received from last year's Board,			$10 72
May 31,	to cash from	Mrs. W. C. Bryant,	48 78
" "	" "	A. Glass for cow, in part,	20 00
" "	" "	V. H. Osborne,	22 75
" "	" "	Joseph Tuttle, former Superintendent,	38 57
" "	" "	overdraft on town order,	1 75
June 8, "	" "	D. P. Mason, board of J. M. Hawkes,	39 00
18, "	" "	A. Glass, balance on cow,	23 00
21, "	" "	A. G. Sweetser, board Sarah Bachellor,	47 90
21, "	" "	city of Salem, board W. H. Bacheller,	13 65
Aug. 2, "	" "	W. G. Strong, sale of cow,	30 00
" "	" "	Mrs. W. C. Bryant,	5 18
" "	" "	Freeman Emmons, board of F. Hawkes,	174 05
16, "	" "	city of Taunton, aid to J. McAvoy,	26 06
" "	" "	V. H. Osborne,	21 12
" "	" "	town of Stoneham, aid J. Cunningham,	3 40
" "	" "	A. G. Sweetser, board Sarah Bachellor,	42 95
" "	" "	town of Saugus, aid J. T. B. Hall,	31 96
23, "	" "	town of Lexington, aid Mrs. R. L. Stickney,	13 03
Oct. 11, "	" "	Mrs. L. S. Prescott,	37 62
" "	" "	Aldis Walton, sale of horse,	90 00
25, "	" "	A. G. Sweetser, board Sarah Bachellor,	42 74
" "	" "	John Swinerton, in part for cow,	9 00
28, "	" "	V. H. Osborne,	22 00
Nov. 22, "	" "	D. P. Mason, board J. M. Hawkes per W. G. Strong,	39 00
22, "	" "	W. G. Strong, in part, for cow,	11 00
29, "	" "	town of Lexington, aid Mrs. R. L. Stickney,	26 00
Dec. 6, "	" "	D. P. Mason, board of J. M. Hawkes,	39 00
" "	" "	J. C. Rounds, sale of wood,	3 25
" "	" "	city of Taunton, aid J. McAvoy,	26 00
1881.			
Jan. 20, "	" "	V. H. Osborne,	25 00
Feb. 14, "	" "	A. G. Sweetser, board Sarah Bachellor,	42 74
Amount carried forward,			$1,027 22

1881.				*Amount brought forward,*	$1,027 22
Feb. 14,	to Cash	from	town of Watertown,	aid S. W. Whitney,	33 00
"	"	"	"	city of Taunton, aid J. McAvoy,	12 45
"	"	"	"	Mrs. L. S. Prescott, ...	43 90
21,	"	"	"	city of Worcester, aid to —— Eames,	6 55
"	"	"	"	burial expenses of Mary McDonald, .	7 00
"	"	"	"	Reuben Doucett, ...	2 00
"	"	"	"	town of Marshpee, aid of Alida Pocknett,	50 00
"	"	"	"	town of Saugus, aid J. T. B. Hall, .	32 50
24,	"	"	"	John Swinerton, sale of cow, in part, .	5 00
Mch. 3,	"	"	"	town of Saugus, aid J. T. B. Hall, .	10 00
"	"	"	"	J. J. Mansfield, error in account, .	3 50
"	"	"	"	Cutler Bros., " " " .	2 50
"	"	"	"	D. P. Mason, board J. M. Hawkes, .	39 00
"	"	"	"	J. C. Rounds, Superintendent at Farm,	64 31
5,	"	"	"	Mrs. J. M. Cate, error in account, .	75
"	"	"	"	W. G. Strong, discount in bills, .	71
"	"	"	"	Mrs. Hamburger, aid returned, .	1 00
"	"	"	"	Interest, ...	18 94
					$1,360 33

Cr.

1880.					
June 4,	by cash	paid	Samuel Emmons,	aid, ...	$5 00
1881.					
Jan. 14,	"	"	"	Emeline S. Sprague, aid, . . .	6 00
Feb. 11,	"	"	"	J. R. Mansfield, M. D., medical attendance in D. Shanahan's family, .	9 00
14,	"	"	"	Lucius Beebe, rent for P. Weston, .	18 00
15,	"	"	"	city of Worcester, aid A. L. Heath, .	20 60
18,	"	"	"	Mrs. R. L. Stickney, aid, . . .	13 00
21,	"	"	"	James W. Dean, for Mrs. McDougal, .	32 50
"	"	"	"	S. W. Abbott, M. D., medical attendance Mrs. E. S. Sprague, . .	7 50
"	"	"	"	do. do. John Mertins, . . .	1 25
"	"	"	"	do. do. G. M. Ardell, . . .	27 00
"	"	"	"	W. H. Gray, care of tramps, . .	11 20
22,	"	"	"	J. W. Jenkins, provisions for Mrs. J. Kelly and Mrs. P. Carey, . .	8 00
23,	"	"	"	J. O. Dow, M. D., medical attendance Mrs. Carey, ...	5 00
"	"	"	"	Geo. S. Scammon, professional services,	10 00
				Amount carried forward, ...	$174 05

1881.				*Amount brought forward,*	$174 05
Feb. 23,	by Cash	paid	Mrs. J. M. Cate,	rent for P. Casey, .	1 25
"	"	"	"	Mrs. J. M. Cate, goods for Mrs. Casey and D. Shanahan,, ...	2 90
"	"	"	"	Mrs. J. M. Cate, horse to Saugus in pauper case, ...	1 00
24,	"	"	"	Cyrus Kimball, board of Gertie Feehan,	17 28
"	"	"	"	Mrs. R. L. Stickney, aid, . . .	3 57
"	"	"	"	J. N. Eames, blacksmithing, . .	7 38
"	"	"	"	W. J. Howland, medicine for Mrs. Sprague,	1 50
"	"	"	"	Richard Britton, for boots and shoes at Almshouse, ...	6 70
26,	"	"	"	Cutler Bros., goods for J. T. B. Hall,	12 50
28,	"	"	"	J. C. Rounds, two months salary, .	58 33
"	"	"	"	J. J. Mansfield, coal to sundry persons,	10 00
"	"	"	"	J. M. Cate, fare of Eames to Worcester,	55
Mch. 1,	"	"	"	Mrs. L. Stetson, board of Emeline S.Sprague,	3 71
"	"	"	"	C. W. Eaton, Att'y, rent for Samuel Emmons,	18 00
5,	"	"	"	J. M. Cate, expense with pauper to Tewksbury, ...	1 45
"	"	"	"	expense Emeline S. Sprague to Boston,	1 20
7,	"	"	"	J. F. Emerson, Town Treasurer, . .	969 25
"	"	"		balance on hand, ...	69 71
					$1,360 33

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. BALCH, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF OTHER RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AS GATHERED BY THE AUDITORS FROM A BOOK KEPT BY J. C. ROUNDS, KEEPER AT THE FARM.

It appears from a book kept by the Superintendent at the Farm that he has received during the year amounts as stated below.

For butter,	$47 52
milk,	352 77
eggs,	10 00
produce,	42 38
pork,	43 19
stock,	146 00
swine,	151 00
poultry,	8 65
board,	26 50
wood,	3 25
labor,	9 15
molasses,	18 00
old junk,	1 28
hay,	75
care of oxen,	66
sundries,	8 00
Total,	$869 10

Of this amount there has been transferred to T. E. Balch, Treasurer, at sundry times as follows:

On account stock,	$43 00	
Sale of wood,	3 25	
Cash in settlement,	64 31	110 56
Balance to be accounted for by Mr. Rounds,		$758 54

Mr. Rounds furnishes the following vouchers for expenditures disbursed by him;

Paid H. N. Oliver labor,	$20 42
Wm. Oliver, "	11 50
Joshua Walton, blacksmith,	1 75
Boston & Maine R. R., freight bills,	5 62
John N. Thomas, labor,	5 00
B. W. Oliver, hog,	20 00
R. W. Cuff, repairs on harness,	3 70
G. H. Sweetser, cow,	28 00
C. H. Van Voorhis, grain,	2 40
Parker & Gannett, tools and repairs,	7 26
Powers, Melvin & Co., grain,	32 00
Sabin & Page, harness account,	9 75
A. Riggs, 3 pigs,	20 00
A. Glass, 3 pigs, Sept. 20,	18 00
A. Glass, 3 pigs, Sept. 23,	18 00
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., repairs of tools,	7 08
Geo. D. Putnam & Co., felt,	1 00
J. H. Cartland, ice,	1 95
S. S. Sawyer, pasturing,	9 00
Post-office box,	50
M. Phillips, labor,	25 50
Geo. H. Sampson,	1 95
Hardy & Co., windows,	2 16
Geo. Bassett, 1 caddy tobacco,	12 18
Jacob W. Roberts, 1 bbl. sugar,	21 06
E. Murphy, 4 shoats,	18 00
N. C. Hunter, 2 shoats,	9 25
O. S. Quimby, 1 shoat,	7 50
J. N. Eames, repairs,	11 81
W. V. Taylor, provisions,	8 13
W. L. Griffin, groceries,	38 95
Julia A. Jeffrey, labor,	20 00
H. N. Ellis, moving shop,	10 00
C. A. Cheney, repairing clocks,	1 75
Amount carried forward,	$411 17

Amount brought forward, . . .	$411 17
Joseph Connell, sundries, . . .	3 75
E. E. Oliver, repairs, ...	3 27
I. O. Wiley, boots and shoes, . . .	8 00
J. W. Dean, butter, ...	15 84
W. H. Piper, drugs, ...	2 45
H. N. Avery, scraps, ...	2 60
Skilton, Greene & Co., beans, . . .	8 12
J. C. Rounds, salary two months, to Dec. 27,	58 33
Mrs. John M. Cate, clothing, . . .	14 20
E. E. Oliver, labor, ...	12 80
Total amount of vouchers, . .	$540 53

This leaves a balance of $218.01 for which no vouchers are furnished, other than the book from which these facts are gathered, and which has been kept in such a manner that we find it impossible to make up any accurate statement from it, except to say that a portion of this amount has been credited upon various store bills, for butter, eggs, produce, &c., and the balance disbursed by the Superintendent in various small cash amounts, the record of which is found upon his book, but so mingled with other purchases which have been settled by bills rendered, that we cannot state the exact amount.

AUDITORS' FINAL STATEMENT.

The Auditors herewith present to the town the annual reports of its various town officers, and would certify that we have examined all bills which have been paid by Selectmen's orders on the Treasurer, as exhibited in condensed form from Page 29 to Page 62 in this report; also, that we have examined the accounts of Treasurer, Collector, and Treasurer of Beebe Town Library, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

The report of the Overseers of the Poor was delayed so long that we found it impossible to properly examine it, before passing to the printer, and therefore cannot vouch for its correctness. We have given however elsewhere in the report, complete lists of the disbursements in this department, as taken from the vouchers passed to our hands, which may be found as follows, viz.:

Bills paid by Selectmen's orders, Page 35, .	$6,006 14
" " " T. E. Balch, Treas. of Board, Page 139	321 37
" " " J. C. Rounds, keeper, Page 142 .	758 54
Total, ...	$7,086 05

These amounts do not agree with the Recapitulation as given by the Overseers in their report, and it would seem that some error must have been made by them in the separation and itemizing of their expenditures under the various headings. There appear also to be inaccuracies in the receipts at the farm, as compared with the facts as taken from the keeper's book (see Page 141).

The few transactions of the old Board of Overseers during March of last year, not being included in the report of this year, we state them as follows:

Balance in hands of Overseers as per report,		$33 74
Of this amount there was in the hands of Joseph Tuttle, Superintendent, which was allowed in settlement with him,		5 46
Balance as shown by books of C. N. White,		$28 34
Received from the town of North Reading,		8 00
Total,		$36 34
Expended as follows:		
Paid H. Sweetser, sawing wood,	62	
C. B. Deming, furniture,	5 00	
Abbie E. Oliver, aid,	20 00	25 62
Balance transferred to Overseers of this year,		$10 72

The balances in hands of Highway Surveyors as given in last year's report have been disposed of as follows:

J. A. Tyler, Surveyor, West District.		
Balance reported,		13 21
Paid to Town Treasurer,		13 21
J. J. Mansfield, Surveyor, East District.		
Balance reported,		$14 05
Expended,	1 57	
Paid to Treasurer,	12 48	14 05
B. F. Shedd, Surveyor, North District.		
Amount drawn by him Feb. 27, 1880, and by error not included in statement of last year,		$50 00
Paid balance due him as per report,	8 34	
Expended during March, 1880,	9 77	
Balance refunded to Town Treasurer,	31 89	50 00

Errors occur in the report as follows: Page 24, the vote of Selwyn Z. Bowman for Representative in Congress should be 627 instead of 427.

Page 21 in the action under Art. 52 the word "*not*" should be inserted after the word "*instructed*" in the second line.

T. J. SKINNER,
E. E. EMERSON,
W. S. GREENOUGH. } *Auditors.*

WAKEFIELD, March 25th, 1881.

Since writing the above Statement, the Board of Overseers have withdrawn their report for correction, and will report in print, separately, on or before the annual meeting.

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriation Committee's Report,	75
Appropriations, List of	29
Assessors' Report,	79
Auditors' Report,	29
Auditors' Statement,	144
Births,	124
Collector's Statements,	63
Concrete Sidewalks,	57
County Tax (see Treasurer's Report),	65
Crescent and Eaton Street Repairs,	60
Deaths,	133
Engineers' Report,	80
Fire Department Expenses,	41
Fish Committee's Expenses,	61
Fish Committee's Report,	73
Highland Street Appropriation,	59
Highways and Bridges,	52
Injunction Expenses (C. W. Engine Co.),	61
Jurors' List,	5
Librarian's Report,	113
Library Finances,	45 and 112
Loan Account (Treasurer's Report),	66
Marriages,	128
Memorial Day,	45
Military Aid,	47
Miscellaneous Expenses,	47
Overseers of Poor, Treasurer's Statement,	138
Otis Street Appropriation,	60
Park Extension,	59
Police Report,	77
Poor Department Expenses,	35 and 141
Pleasant Street Extension,	59
Salaries of Town Officers,	43
School Committee's Report,	83
School Contingent Expenses,	33
School Expenses, (Regular),	30
Selectmen's Report,	69
Soldiers' Burial Lots,	61
State Aid,	67
State Tax, (Treasurer's Report),	65
Street Lamps,	41
Tax Deeds, List of	68
Town Clerk's Report,	123
Town Debt,	66
Town Hall, Re-lighting of	61
Town House Expenses,	45
Town Meetings, Records of	6
Town Officers, List of	3
Treasurer's Report,	64
Trustees of Library, Report of	108
Valuation List, Publishing of	46

THE SEVENTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF WAKEFIELD, MASS.,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD

OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

During the Year 1881.

WAKEFIELD:
THE CITIZEN AND BANNER PRESS.
1882.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1881-2.

Selectmen.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman*, JOHN S. EATON, *Sec'y*
BUCHANAN B. BURBANK.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Treasurer.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

Assessors.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman*, DAVID PERKINS,
CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE, *Sec'y*.

Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN PURINGTON, *Chairman*, JOHN S. EATON, *Sec'y*,
JAMES W. DEAN.

School Committee.

EDWARD P. COLBY,	Term expires	1884.
SELIM S. WHITE,	" "	1884.
LUCIUS BEEBE,	" "	1883.
THEODORE E. BALCH, *Treas.*,	" "	1883.
SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, *Chairman*,	" "	1882.
WILLIAM N. TYLER, *Sec'y*,	" "	1882.

Auditors.

T. J. SKINNER, E. E. EMERSON, W. S. GREENOUGH.

Collector of Taxes.

RICHARD BRITTON.

Engineers of Fire Department.

JOHN H. EATON, *Chief*,
CHARLES H. DAVIS, THOMAS HICKEY, *Sec'y*.

Trustees of the Beebe Town Library.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*,	CYRUS WAKEFIELD,
S. O. RICHARDSON,	THEO. E. BALCH, *Sec'y*,
THOMAS WINSHIP,	CHESTER W. EATON, *Treas.*
F. P. HURD,	WM. N. TYLER,
J. R. MANSFIELD,	OTIS V. WATERMAN,
WM. H. MORRISON,	JOHN M. CATE,
AZEL AMES, JR.,	GEO. H. TEAGUE,

JOS. M. SKULLEY.

Fish Committee.

SAM'L PARKER, JR., SAM'L. T. PARKER. DENNIS DAILEY.

Board of Health.

JOHN PURINGTON, JOHN M. CATE, AZEL AMES, JR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES H. DAVIS,	Centre District.
JOSEPH CONNELL,	North "
LEVI B. EATON,	South "
CHARLES H. HART,	East "
SIMEON PARKER,	West "
HENRY N. OLIVER,	Woodville "

Fence Viewers.

CHARLES H. STEARNS, GEORGE PACKARD, GEO. H. TEAGUE.

Regular Police Officers.

CHARLES H. DAVIS, *Chief*,	ORRIN C. POTTER,
WM. H. GRAY,*	JAMES W. POTTER,
JOHN McMAHAN,	MICHAEL WELCH,*
ISRAEL A. PARSONS,	RICHARD O'LEARY,*
JOHN A. MELONEY,†	JOHN F. WHITING,†

* Resigned during the year. † Night Watch.

Constables.

WILLIAM H. GRAY, CHARLES H. DAVIS, MOSES STAPLES.

Truant Officer.

HENRY L. HASKELL.

Weighers of Coal and Merchandise.

GEO W. ABORN, A. A. MANSFIELD, GEO. K. GILMAN,
E. W. EATON, A. W. CHAPMAN.

Measurers of Wood.

LEVI B. EATON,	M. C. EVANS,	A. A. MANSFIELD,
JOSHUA WALTON,	WILLARD KNIGHT,	WM. C. PARKER,
HENRY N. OLIVER,	B. F. ABBOTT,	E. W. EATON.

Surveyors of Lumber.

C. F. BICKFORD, GEO. H. TEAGUE, ROGER HOWARD,
FRED H. HENRY, WM. C. PARKER.

Field Drivers.

THOMAS HICKS,	AARON BUTLER,	W. W. BESSEY,
EDWARD GREEN,	ADAM WILEY,	FRANK POND.
ROBT. BRAXTON*	JOSHUA PERHAM,	GEO. H. WILEY.

* Appointed by Selectmen.

Committee on Appropriations.

LUCIUS BEEBE,	JAMES OLIVER,	THOMAS WINSHIP,
S. O. RICHARDSON,	T. J. SKINNER,	T. E. BALCH,
W. F. YOUNG,	EVERETT HART,	E. E. OLIVER,
AZEL AMES, JR.,	A. W. BROWNELL,	H. H. SAVAGE,
J. F. EMERSON,	J. J. MANSFIELD,	J. O. BLANCHARD.

List of Jurors

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 8, 1881.

Abbott, Henry F.
Allen, Mark W.
Atwell, John
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Bridger, Wm. J.
Boardman, Moses
Bickford, Charles F.
Burbank. B. B.
Brownell, Alsted W.
Connell, Joseph
Carey, George E.
Cheney, Charles A.
Corey, Charles A.
Cuff, Richard J.
Daland, George A.
Downing, Peter C.
Emerson, Frederic
Emerson, James E.
Evans, Montello C.
Floyd, George G.
Foster, Daniel D.
Gilman, George K.
Gordon, Silas W.
Greenough, Wm. S.
Haskell, Henry L.
Hart, Charles H.
Howard, Roger
Hurd, Joseph L.
Kendrick, Rufus
Knight, Elisha
Littlefield, Sam'l F.
Low, Michael
Mansfield, Joseph D.
Mansfield, James F.
Miller, Frank D.
Mitchell, Reuben H.
Newhall, John S.
Nichols, Hero W.
Nichols, Warren
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Oliver, Henry N.
Oliver, Charles H.
Parker, Samuel Jr.
Perkins, Andrew C.
Poland, J. Warren
Putney, Stillman J.
Purington, John
Ripley, Winfield S.
Ronan, Michael H.
Stearns, Charles H.
Skinner, William G.
Stowell, Issachar
Sweetser, Alfred I.
Swett, Daniel
Teed, Peter B.
Tyler, John H.
Walton, Oliver
Wiley, John
Williams, Francis
Young, William F.

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28th, 1882.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 4TH, 1881.

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Samuel K. Hamilton was elected Moderator (30 votes).

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the Annual Reports of Town Officers.

VOTED. That the Annual Town Report and the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed be laid upon the table.

Subsequently it was voted to take both reports from the table, and that they be referred to the Town Auditors.

Later in the meeting, the Auditors stating that they had no further report to make, it was

VOTED. That both Reports be accepted as printed.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the Report of the Committee on Appropriations.

VOTED. That the report of the Committee on Appropriations be accepted as printed.

VOTED. To take up Art. 33.

ART. 33. To vote by ballot "Yes or No" in answer to the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

VOTED. That we now proceed to ballot "Yes or No" on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" and that the polls be kept open as long as we ballot for town officers.

Result of ballot as declared later in the meeting.

In favor of license, "Yes," - -	283
Opposed to license, "No," - -	277
Free Rum, - - - -	1

Wrong box, 8. (Yes, 7; No, 1.)

ART. 4. To choose by ballot Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Tax Collector, Constables, Board of Health, Highway Surveyors, Fence Viewers and Fish Committee.

All the above named officers upon one ballot in the above order will be received in one box.

VOTED. That all the officers mentioned in this article be elected by ballot, and that the polls be now opened and remain open until 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Chair appointed Charles F. Woodward, T. E. Balch, H. S. Fisher, E. E. Emerson a committee to superintend the check list. Also the following named persons to sort and count votes, viz.: J. S. Eaton, W. L. Coon, C. F. Richardson, E. W. Eaton, E. P. Colby and E. H. Walton.

Result of the ballot as declared by the Moderator later in the meeting.

TOWN CLERK.

Charles F. Hartshorne, - - -	(Elected.)	443
John H. Tyler, - - - - - -		129
P. H. Southworth, - - - - - -		65
Scattering, - - - - - - -		5

TOWN TREASURER.

James F. Emerson, - - - -	(Elected.)	458
Cyrus G. Beebe, - - - - - -		129
William F. Young, - - - - - -		52
Scattering, - - - - - - -		3

Selectmen.

John S. Eaton,	(Elected.)	507
James Oliver,	"	378
Buchanan B. Burbank,	"	298
Samuel K. Hamilton,		123
Waldo E. Cowdrey,		119
Bartholomew O'Hea,		116
Wm. N. Tyler,		76
Wm. F. Young,		75
Charles E. Niles,		67
J. K. L. Baker,		39
David Perkins,		25
Scattering,		36

Assessors.

David Perkins,	(Elected.)	504
Charles F. Hartshorne,	"	449
James Oliver,	"	401
Isaac F. Eaton,		126
John Low,		126
E. H. Walton,		125
J. S. Eaton,		96
Moses Staples,		96
Scattering,		16

Overseers of the Poor.

John S. Eaton,	(Elected.)	414
John Purington,	"	372
James W. Dean,	"	322
Sam'l F. Littlefield,		291
Joseph Connell,		194
A. W. Brownell,		157
Wm. F. Young,		80
C. H. Davis,		68
Simeon Parker,		53
C. H. Stearns,		52
Scattering,		6

Tax Collector.

Richard Britton,	(Elected.)	516
H. L. Day,		118
C. F. Richardson,		1

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, FOR 3 YEARS.

Edward P. Colby,	(Elected.)	430
Selim S. White,	"	345
Joseph M. Skulley,		139
Edward A. Upton,		122
Mrs. C. A. Winship,		89
David N. Beach,		68
R. R. Riddell,		67
George W. Aborn,		28
W. H. Morrison,		4
Scattering,		4

CONSTABLES.

Moses Staples,	(Elected.)	510
Wm. H. Gray,	"	470
Charles H. Davis,	"	453
Nathaniel Palmer,		183
Geo. K. Gilman,		137
John Drugan,		127
Scattering,		19

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Samuel W. Abbott,	(Elected.)	484
John Purington,	"	413
John M. Cate,	"	382
John R. Mansfield,		195
W. J. Howland,		126
John Homer,		126
H. Emerson,		68
Scattering,		10

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Charles H. Davis,	(Elected.)	367
Nathaniel H. Dow,		208
John Purington,		63
Scattering,		1

NORTH DISTRICT.

Joseph Connell,	(Elected.)	416
Chas. F. Bickford,		215
Scattering,		6

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Levi B. Eaton,	(Elected.)	457
I. E. Green,		126
Chas. H. Oliver,		51
S. Kimball,		1

EAST DISTRICT.

Charles H. Hart,	(Elected.)	599
John Flynn,		120
Joseph T. Burditt,		119

WEST DISTRICT.

Simeon Parker,	(Elected)	349
James Killoran,		178
John A. Tyler,		106
Scattering,		2

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

Henry N. Oliver,	(Elected.)	440
Thomas Lally,		128
Joshua Perham,		67

FENCE VIEWERS.

Chas. H. Stearns,	(Elected.)	492
George F. Packard,	"	450
Geo. H. Teague,	"	385
Cornelius Donovan.		127
John McLain,		127
H. Emerson,		127
David Perkins,		76
Richard Britton,		70
W. H. Gray,		1

FISH COMMITTEE.

Oscar I. Stowell,	(Elected.)	493
Samuel T. Parker,	"	322
J. Henry Cartland,	"	322
Samuel Parker, Jr.,		298
Dennis Dailey,		194
Chas. H. Edgecomb,		128
James H. Carter,		71
Thomas Gould,		32
Scattering,		4

NOTE.—Messrs Stowell and Cartland declined to serve, and at adjourned meetings new ballots were ordered. Dennis Dailey being elected April 11th, and Sam'l Parker, Jr., May 2d. (See Records of those meetings).

ART. 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers, not required to be chosen by ballot, for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That the Chair appoint a Committee of five, who shall retire and nominate a Committee of thirteen, three from the Centre, and two from each of the

outer wards, to bring in a list of officers not chosen by ballot.

The Chair appointed a Committee of five, J. K. L. Baker, Azel Ames, Jr., E. E. Emerson, W. F. Young and Wm. G. Skinner.

This Committee reported as follows for the nominating Committee.

Centre District.—Azel Ames, Jr., Thos. Winship, W. G. Skinner.

North " W. F. Young, E. E. Emerson.
South " H. H. Savage, Rufus Kendrick,
East " John O. Blanchard, N. Page, Jr.
West " Wm. H. Atwell, C. F. Richardson.
Woodville " B. W. Oliver, Geo. E. Gamage.

This Committee later in the meeting made a report which after being revised by the town was adopted, and the following were elected,

AUDITORS.

T. J. Skinner, E. E. Emerson, W. S. Greenough.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Lucius Beebe,	Thomas Winship,	John M. Cate,
C. W. Eaton,	T. E. Balch,	F. P. Hurd,
Cyrus Wakefield,	S. O. Richardson,	Geo. H. Teague,
W. N. Tyler,	Azel Ames, Jr.,	W. H. Morrison,
J. R. Mansfield,	O. V. Waterman,	Jos. M. Skulley.

VOTED. Not to add any more names to this list.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND MERCHANDISE.

Geo. W. Aborn, A. A. Mansfield, Geo. K. Gilman,
E. W. Eaton, A. W. Chapman.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

M. C. Evans,	Levi B. Eaton,	A. A. Mansfield,
Joshua Walton,	Willard Knight,	Wm. C. Parker,
Henry N. Oliver,	B. F. Abbott,	E. W. Eaton.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

C. F. Bickford, Geo. H. Teague, Roger Howard,
Fred H. Henry, Wm. C. Parker.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Thomas Hicks,	Aaron Butler,	W. W. Bessey,
Edward Green,	Adam Wiley	Frank Pond,
Joshua Perham,	Geo. H. Wiley.	

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Lucius Beebe,	James Oliver,	T. J. Skinner,
Everett Hart,	A. W. Brownell,	T. E. Balch,
Thomas Winship,	Azel Ames, Jr.,	J. F. Emerson,
S. O. Richardson,	W. F. Young,	J. J. Mansfield,
E. E. Oliver,	H. H. Savage,	J. O. Blanchard.

VOTED. That the remaining articles in the warrant be taken up *seriatim*.

VOTED. That all the articles relating to town business in the warrant, after Art. 5, be taken up at one o'clock, P. M.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay all demands in anticipation of taxes.

VOTED. That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, for the purpose of providing funds for the prompt payment of all bills against the town, made payable from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of town debt and interest.

VOTED. That the town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for the reduction of the principal of the town debt, and also the sum of five thousand dollars for the payment of interest on loans to the town.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the Support of Schools for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars for the Support of Schools the ensuing year.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for a School Contingent Fund.

VOTED. That the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Painting School Houses.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the Support of the Poor for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That the sum of five thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the Support of the Poor for the ensuing year, to be expended under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, and the Overseers be directed to expend five hundred dollars in the permanent improvement of the farm.

VOTED. That all cash receipts in the Poor Department be paid over to the Town Treasurer at least once a month, with a statement accompanying the same, and that the Selectmen be authorized to overdraw the Poor Appropriation to an extent equal to the amount thus paid to the Town Treasurer.

VOTED. That the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to show in their yearly reports the names of pauper inmates at the almshouse, and the length of time living there during the year, and also in their Inventory of Stock, give the number and kind of animals.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing, and determine how the same shall be expended.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for repairs of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars for the support of the Fire Department for the year ensuing.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, and the amount of money from the dog-tax in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand and seventy-five dollars for the payment of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That the salaries of town officers be the same as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations, with the exception of Tax Collector, the salary of that officer to be fixed at four hundred dollars, instead of three hundred and fifty.

It was then voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars in addition to what has been already raised for the payment of town officers.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AS VOTED.

Town Treasurer, . . .	$ 50.
Town Clerk, . . .	100.
Board of Selectmen, . . .	400.
" Assessors, . .	350.
" Overseers of Poor, .	150.
" School Committee, .	200.
" Fire Engineers, .	75.
" Auditors, . . .	100.
Tax Collector, for collecting tax warrant of 1881, . . .	400.
Constable and Police Services, .	300.
Total, ...	$2,125.

ART. 14. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Street Lamps for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars for the support of Street Lamps.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars for the payment of Miscellaneous Expenses. This vote was afterwards reconsidered, and it was

then voted to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-eight hundred dolllars for Miscellaneous Expenses for the ensuing year, and the sum of eighteen hundred dollars of that amount be expended for the payment of a Night Watch, and that the Selectmen be instructed not to exceed this appropriation.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Town House Expenses for the year ensuing.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for Town House Expenses, of which sum three hundred dollars is to be used in repairs on the outside of the building.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of additional improvement of the Park Extension.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for improving the Park Extension together with the proceeds of the sale of grass on the Park.

ART. 18. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That the same method be adopted for the collection of taxes, as was adopted at the annual town meeting, held April 7th, 1879, (See Annual Report of 1879, page 12, or Town Clerk's Record Book, No. 6, Fol. 510.)

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

VOTED. That the Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

ART. 20. To determine the compensation of Enginemen for the year ensuing.

VOTED. That the compensation of Enginemen for the ensuing year be fixed at the sum of thirteen dollars ($13) and a sum equal to the poll-tax.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize its Selectmen to provide a Night Watch.

A motion to leave the matter to the Selectmen was lost; a motion to indefinitely postpone the article was rejected (Yes, 67; No, 186). A long discussion followed, during which it was voted to again take up Art. 15, and the appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses was increased from $3000 to $4800, of which $1800 was to be expended for a Night Watch, and that the Selectmen be instructed not to exceed this appropriation. (See action under Art. 15). Art. 21 was then again taken up, and it was voted that the Selectmen be authorized to employ a Night Watch (Yes, 160; No, 47.)

ART. 22. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the decoration of Soldiers' Graves, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the decoration of Soldiers' Graves on Memorial Day.

ART. 23. To see if the town will lay a concrete sidewalk on the northerly side of Otis street next the school house wall (the town being the abutter), and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars therefor.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to lay a concrete sidewalk on the northerly side of Otis street next to the school-house wall.

ART. 24. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the use of the Fish Committee.

VOTED. To appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the use of the Fish Committee.

ART. 25. To see what action, if any, is necessary for the better preservation of the portraits of Washington and Wakefield in the audience room of the Town Hall.

VOTED. That the Selectmen be instructed to use all means necessary for the protection of the portraits of Washington and Wakefield.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a plan of the seats in the Town Hall, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. That the Selectmen be authorized to procure a plan of Seats in the Town Hall.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take in relation to the care and education of neglected children, as provided in Chapter 283 of the Acts of the year 1866, and made compulsory upon towns having a population of five thousand by Acts of the year 1878, Chapter 217.

VOTED. On motion of H. L. Haskell that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered, in behalf of the town, to make all needful provisions concerning all children included in this article, and to provide temporarily a place where all such children may be properly cared for. Also to make all such By-Laws as shall be necessary to meet the requirements of Chapter 283 of the Acts of the year 1866 of the Statutes of Mass. concerning the protection of children, and that the Selectmen report their action to the town for its approval at their earliest convenience.

ART. 28. To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs, on the same terms as male citizens.

VOTED. That the substance of this article be indefinitely postponed. (Yes, 268; No, 62.)

ART. 29. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the purpose of removing a ledge of rock on Cottage street near the house of James Houston, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To leave the subject of this article to the Surveyor of the Centre District, to remove the ledge if he deems it necessary, and to expend a sum not exceeding $75, and that the town appropriate that sum.

ART. 30. To see what action, if any, the town will take in respect to the introduction of water in the town, for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and for fire protection.

On motion of Richard Britton, it was

VOTED. That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to retire and nominate a Committee of seven to confer with the Directors of the Quannapowitt Water Company, and ascertain what proposition, if any, that Company will submit to the town for the introduction of water, and report at the adjournment of this meeting with such recommendations as they deem best. Provided that this Committee shall be appointed from citizens unpledged or biased by membership or agency in any Water Company or for any Water System. And that this Committee of seven shall print and circulate their report at least three days prior to such adjourned town meeting.

The Chair appointed as the Nominating Committee, Richard Britton, Lucius Beebe, John A. Meloney, Freeman Emmons and Wm. N. Tyler.

This Committee reported the following as a Committee of seven to confer with the Directors of the Quannapowitt Water Company, viz:

Richard Britton, Thomas Emerson, Theodore E. Balch, Charles Jordan, John A. Meloney, John M. Cate and J. M. Skulley.

VOTED. That the report of the Committee be adopted.

VOTED. That this Committee serve without pay.

Pending the motion of Mr. Britton, a motion to indefinitely postpone the whole matter was rejected by the following vote, Yes, 118; No, 298.

ART. 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000), to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, in laying concrete sidewalks where abutters are willing to pay one-half of the expense, and for

laying concrete street crossings in such places as they shall deem expedient.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, in laying concrete sidewalks, where the abutters are willing to pay one-half of the expense, and for laying concrete street crossings in such places as they shall deem expedient.

ART. 32. To see if the town shall appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100), for repairing the road-bed and sidewalks, and finish paving the gutters on Pleasant street, from Eaton to Vernon street.

VOTED. To appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for repairing the road-bed and sidewalks, and finish paving the gutters on Pleasant street from Eaton to Vernon street.

ART. 33. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

For action under this article and result of ballot see page 7.

VOTED. To adjourn this meeting for one week from this night at 7:30 o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING, APRIL 11TH, 1881.

The meeting was called to order by S. K. Hamilton, Moderator.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby we voted not to place any more names on the list of Trustees of the Public Library was rejected by a vote of Yes, 80; No, 119.

Art. 5 was then taken up, and the name of George H. Wiley was added to the list of Field Drivers.

Dr. S. W. Abbott sent in his resignation as member of the Board of Health, and Oscar I. Stowell declined serving on the board of Fish Committee.

VOTED. To proceed to ballot for one Fish Committee. Result of the ballot.

Dennis Dailey, - - -	18
Samuel Parker, Jr., - - -	16
Charles Edgecomb, - -	7
Scattering, - - - -	5

and Dennis Dailey was declared elected.

No action taken on electing a member of the Board of Health in place of Dr. Abbott.

ART. 34. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500), to be expended under the direction of the Chief of Police, for the purpose of prosecuting violations of the liquor law.

VOTED. That this article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 35. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150), to repair the street and sidewalks of Emerald street, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

A motion to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to repair the street and sidewalks on Emerald street under the direction of the Selectmen, was amended by substituting that the subject be referred to the Highway Surveyor. Yes, 227; No, 108.

ART. 36. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money on a term of years, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor, for the purpose of renewing and paying existing funded loans maturing the present year.

VOTED. On motion of Joshua Whittemore, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow in open market forty-seven thousand six hundred dollars, or as much money as may be necessary to satisfy the claims coming due, as stated in the town report March 1, 1881, by advertising in two of the best daily papers of Boston for procuring the loan. And the loan taken, and notes or bonds given for the term of four years to the lowest bid or bidders. (Yes, 321; No. 0.)

NOTE.—This vote was reconsidered at the next adjourned meeting.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to open Lake Quannapowitt to fishing, or what action they will take in the matter.

A motion to open the Lake for fishing at once was lost.

Motion that the Lake remain closed until July 1st, 1882, was rejected.

After a long discussion it was voted that the further consideration of this article be laid on the table, and it was then voted to take up Art. 38.

ART. 38. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations to govern fishing in Lake Quannapowitt.

The Committee rendered their report as follows:

The Committe appointed to prepare and present to the town at its Annual Meeting, Rules for the Government of Fishing in Lake Quannapowitt, would herewith respectfully present such rules, having the approval of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, and unanimously recommend their adoption. (Signed)

OSCAR I. STOWELL,
SAM'L PARKER, JR.,
J. HENRY CARTLAND,
JAMES H. CARTER,
W. S. GREENOUGH.

WAKEFIELD, APRIL 4, 1881.

The Rules and Regulations reported, which were accepted and adopted, may be found in print in this Report, in connection with the Fish Committee's Report. Also recorded with Town Clerk's Record, Book 7. Folios 28–30.

Art 37 was then taken from the table, and it was

VOTED. That Lake Quannapowitt be opened for fishing to the inhabitants of the town, July 1st, 1881, subject to the rules and regulations adopted under Art. 38.

ART. 39. To see if the town will appropriate seventy-five dollars ($75), to be expended in placing seats on the Common.

VOTED. That the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropria-

ted by the town, to be expended in placing seats upon the Common.

ART. 40. To see if the town will build a drain or culvert across Albion street, near the junction of Albion and Byron streets, of sufficient capacity to carry off surplus water, and prevent the flooding of adjoining estates, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To leave the subject of this article discretionary with the Selectmen.

Art. 30, referring to the Water Question, was then taken up by a vote of Yes, 164; No, 27.

Richard Britton, Chairman of the Committee of Conference, stated that the Committee had no printed report to present to the town at this meeting, as they had not had sufficient time to prepare, print and circulate a report as voted at the last meeting, and asked for further time.

It was then voted to refer this subject back to the Committee with instructions to report in print, and also embody in their report all legislative enactments which have been passed in regard to supplying the town of Wakefield with water, and to circulate their reports three days previous to the day to which this meeting is adjourned.

VOTED. To adjourn this meeting for two weeks from this night at 7:30 o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING, APRIL 25TH, 1881.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, S. K. Hamilton, Esq.

John A. Meloney offered a resolution that the town pay its laborers on the highways the sum of $1.75 per day.

This was amended by A. E. Perry that their pay be $2.00 per day, and the amendment was adopted.

It was then voted to take up Art. 36, which had reference to authorizing the Treasurer to hire money, and the former vote upon Mr. Joshua Whittemore's motion was reconsidered.

It was then voted on motion of James F. Emerson, that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in open market, to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans maturing the present year, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor, on a term of not exceeding ten years, by advertising in two of the best daily papers of Boston for procuring the loan at the lowest rates. (Yes, 239; No. 0.)

ART. 41. To see if the town will make an appropriation of thirty dollars, for the payment of expenses incurred by the Selectmen in their defence at law, on the charge of illegal action with regard to counting the votes at the November town meeting of last year, (the decision of the court sustaining and justifying said officers in their action at said meeting), or what they will do about it.

VOTED. That this article be indefinitely postponed.

It was then voted by a vote of Yes, 282; No. 45, to take up Art. 21, referring to a Night Watch.

A motion by J. M. Cate that the Selectmen be instructed to employ three Night Watchmen, at a compensation not exceeding $600 per annum for each man, was lost.

An amendment by O. V. Waterman that they be employed from the 1st of October to the end of the present fiscal year was rejected. (Yes, 104; No, 249.)

An amendment by W. F. Young that the Selectmen be instructed to dismiss all the Night Watch, and that we have none for the year to come was carried. (Yes, 287; No, 208.)

The Chair ruled the vote just passed of no effect.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby we voted to authorize the Selectmen to employ a Night Watch was rejected. (Yes, 222; No, 224.)

VOTED. To take up Art. 30, referring to the Water Question.

Richard Britton, Chairman of the Committee to confer with the Quannapowitt Water Co., presented a Report of the Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the town at the annual meeting held April 4th, 1881, to confer with the Quannapowitt Water Company and ascertain what propositions, if any, they would make to the town for the introduction of water, have attended to the duty assigned to them, and respectfully submit the following report:—

In order that the citizens may understand the instructions to the Committee, we copy from the records the votes of the town relating thereto, viz:—

[ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 4, 1881.]

ARTICLE 30. "To see what action, if any, the town will take in respect to the introduction of water in the town for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and for fire protection.

"Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed by the chair to retire and nominate a Committee of seven to confer with the Quannapowitt Water Company and ascertain what proposition, if any, that Company will submit to the town for the introduction of water, and report at the adjournment of this meeting, with such recommendations as they deem best; Provided that the Committee shall be appointed from citizens unpledged or biased by membership or agency in any Water Company, or for any Water System, and that the Committee of seven shall print and circulate their report at least three days prior to such adjourned meeting."

The following gentlemen were appointed:

Richard Britton,	Thomas Emerson,
Theodore E. Balch,	Charles Jordan,
John A. Meloney,	John M. Cate,

Joseph M. Skulley.

The Committee met on the sixth instant, and organized by the choice of Richard Britton as Chairman and Joseph M. Skulley as Secretary.

A communication was sent to the Directors of the Water Company, informing them that we should be pleased to meet them at such time as would suit their convenience.

The Directors named Saturday the 9th inst., at which time a meeting was held, and the following proposition was submitted to us.

[PROPOSITION NO. 1.]

WAKEFIELD, April 9, 1881.

To Hon. Richard Britton, Chairman, and Joseph M. Skulley, Esq., Sec. Committee of the Town of Wakefield :

GENTLEMEN :—

In response to the request of the Town, as conveyed by your communication of the 6th inst., for a proposition from this Company for the introduction of Water to the Town, we have the honor to submit the following :

The Quannapowitt Water Company will establish Water Works, on the direct pumping system, lay six miles of iron pipe through the streets of the populated part of the town, and place sixty double-nozzle fire hydrants in proper locations.

Said Water Works to be of a guaranteed capacity of one million gallons per twenty-four hours, for domestic and manufacturing purposes, or for fire protection to throw six 7-8 inch streams at a time, eighty feet into the air, or four one-inch streams one hundred feet high, from a corresponding number of hydrants.

Water to be furnished to the inhabitants of the town at the usual rates.

Provided and on condition that the Town of Wakefield shall guarantee and pay at the rate of six per cent. per annum, the interest upon fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Quannapowitt Water Company, payable in twenty years from their date, issued for the purpose of constructing its Water Works, and shall pay said Company the sum of twenty-five dollars per year for each of said sixty fire-hydrants for said period.

We have the honor to be

Yours Very Respectfully,

CYRUS WAKEFIELD, Pres't.
S. O. RICHARDSON, Treas.

At the next meeting of the Committee held Wednesday Evening, April 13th, the Directors of the Water Company notified us of their wish to confer with us in regard to a modified proposition. They met us the same evening and explained their views, and, as a result, we have received from them the following communication, comprising a modified proposition, and a brief statement of the reasons for submitting the same.

[Proposition No. 2.]

Wakefield, Mass., April 14, 1881.

To Hon. Richard Britton, Chairman, and Joseph M. Skulley, Esq., Sec.
Committee of the Town of Wakefield.

Gentlemen:—

The suggestion having been made to this Company that a doubt exists as to the propriety of the town's voting, as the phraseology of the statute stands, to *pay* the interest on the bonds of this Company as was proposed in our former proposition, we have thought best to submit to your Committee a new proposition, which without changing the sum to be expended by the town, puts, we think, the proposition in better form, and gives to the town the entire control in the matter of the payment of interest.

The Quannapowitt Water Company proposes to the Town of Wakefield, as follows: That in consideration that said Town will guarantee at the rate of six per cent. per annum the semi-annual payment of the interest upon fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Quannapowitt Water Company, payable in twenty years from their date, issued for the purpose of constructing its Water-Works, and will pay for said period the sum of sixty dollars as annual rental for each of the seventy-five fire hydrants hereinafter named,—

The Quannapowitt Water Company will establish Water Works on the direct pumping system, lay six miles of iron pipe through the streets of the thickly populated part of the town, and place seventy-five double nozzle fire hydrants in proper locations. Said water-works to be of a guaranteed capacity of one million gallons per twenty-four hours, for domestic and manufacturing purposes, or for fire protection to throw six 7-8 inch streams eighty feet into the air, or four one-inch streams one hundred feet high, from a corresponding number of hydrants. Said Company will supply the inhabitants of the Town with water for domestic and manufacturing purposes at the usual rates, and will authorize the Town to retain in its Treasury out of said annual rental of said hydrants for the purpose of paying the interest hereinbefore named, the sum of three thousand dollars, or such part thereof as shall be equal to the annual interest upon the bonds of said Quannapowitt Water Company outstanding, and upon which the Town shall have guaranteed the interest.

We have the honor to be

Yours Very Respectfully,

CYRUS WAKEFIELD, Pres't.
SOLON O. RICHARDSON, Treas.

At the adjourned meeting of the Town, April 11th, it was Voted, that the Committee be instructed to print the Acts of the Legislature passed in 1872 and 1877 for supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water.

These Acts are appended to this report, and by reference thereto, it will be seen that the second proposition of the Water Company is so drawn as to clearly conform with the provisions of the law.

By the terms and conditions of the first proposition the Town would be obliged to pay $3000 per annum as interest on the bonds of the Water Company, and $1500 per annum as the rental of sixty fire-drants, making $4500 in all. By the second proposition, the total annual payment by the town remains the same $4500, while the town gets *seventy-five* fire-hydrants instead of *sixty*. Instead of paying the interest to bond-holders, as required by the first proposition, the town, under the second, will simply guarantee the payment of this interest, and withhold from the annual rental of the seventy-five fire-hydrants a sum sufficient to protect its guaranty.

It must be apparent, we think, to every one, that the terms of the second proposition are more liberal to the town, and the form of the agreement more in consonance with the Legislative Acts than in the case of the first proposition.

The following is a list of the streets through which the Water Company proposes to lay its pipes:

Main street from opposite Mrs. Flint's to John G. Aborn's; West Water street to B. F. Abbott's; Water street to Vernon; Vernon street to Pleasant; Pleasant street to Salem; Salem street from Pleasant to Main; Pearl, Bryant, Park, Eaton, Crescent, Otis to Pleasant, Centre, Mechanic, Albion to Gould, Chestnut, Avon, Yale avenue, Lafayette, Common, Church from Main to Common and from Lafayette to Railroad, Railroad street to Albion, West Chestnut street to Cedar, Cedar to Gould, Gould to Albion.

Your Committee are of the opinion that a copious supply of pure, soft water, distributed by suitable pipes through the more densely populated parts of the town, and under a pressure sufficient to reach the upper stories of the highest house would be a great public and personal convenience, contributing largely to the health and comfort of all classes. As a sanitary measure it is of supreme importance; for it is an unquestioned fact, that, in all communities, as the population becomes concentrated in compact villages, the usual supply from wells deteriorates in quality, and becomes harder, until it reaches that condition which renders it entirely unfit for household uses. The saturation of the soil in the immediate vicinity of the wells with polluted water from sink-drains, cesspools and privies, goes on year after year, increasing in foulness and concentrating in constantly narrowing circles as the number of houses increase, until the whole water-bearing strata from which the

well-supplies are drawn become hopelessly contaminated. That the health of the community is injuriously affected in such a contingency is not only a logical inference, from the stated condition of the case, but is a fact demonstrated by actual and sorrowful experience in cases without number.

As to the convenience of an ample supply of pure, soft water for household purposes, always available by the simple turning of a faucet, to supply the kitchen, the laundry, the bath-room, etc., there can be no question, and it is needless to dwell upon the multitude of advantages which such a public supply, never failing and always ready, has over the present individual system of pumping water from wells and cisterns, in stinted quantities, and with much labor and vexation. We might further enumerate the conveniences of the public system of supply as applied to other uses, as in stables, gardens, stores, public buildings, factories, etc., but the facts as to the convenience of the system are so palpable as to need only to be stated to be acquiesced in.

As a protection against fire, there can be no question as to the value of an abundant supply of water, especially in the thickly-built portion of the town. The district covered by the six miles of pipe, which the Water Company proposes to lay, comprises the most important buildings of the town and the bulk of invested capital. It is safe to say that, with a thoroughly efficient system of public water-works extending throughout this district, and with hydrants established as proposed, about twelve to the mile, the reduction of insurance premiums on the buildings protected would pay the annual interest, and in twenty years would more than pay for the cost of the works. But aside from the saving in premiums there is that incalculable saving that will result from the prevention of large conflagrations. No system will prevent accidental fires or incendiarism, but a thoroughly efficient water system will check the progress of such fires whatever their origin.

It appears to your Committee, then, after a careful consideration of all the various advantages to be derived from the introduction of water to our town, that the system of works best adapted to furnish the supply for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and at the same time have the power and capacity to furnish fire-streams at any point within the district piped, equal in volume and force to two steam fire-engines and be always in readiness, is the system known as the *direct pumping system*, and the one which the Water Company, after a full and careful investigation have decided to adopt as being the least expensive and the most efficient. This system is not an untried experiment by any means. Nearly one hundred cities and towns having populations varying from 2,500 to 130,000, are now supplied by this system, and the testimony of these places as to the safety, economy and efficiency of the works is unequivocally favorable. Under the reservoir system there can be no head or pressure greater than that due to the height of the

reservoir, and this head is so diminished by friction in the pipes and by increased consumption, that it very rarely happens that even in the lowest grounds, is there pressure enough to give even a single efficient fire stream, and it has often happened, as we are informed, that in Boston the pipes would not supply as much water as two steamers require. The same objection is applicable to the stand-pipe system, unless the stand-pipe is of enormous height, or unless the stand-pipe be closed at the top as we are informed it is at Cambridge. In case of a closed stand-pipe the pumping becomes direct, and, in fact, *any* stand-pipe system is the direct system, as the stand-pipe serves no useful purpose that a large air-chamber would not serve equally as well; but the trouble is that an open stand-pipe can give no greater head than the height of the water.

By the direct system the pressure is practically unlimited, and if a fire occurs at the very end of the line of works, or on the very highest ground, the pump will give the requisite pressure for playing a fire-stream direct from the hydrant, and without the intervention of either hand or steam-fire engines.

As the vote of the town directs us to make such recommendations as we might deem best, we have briefly stated our opinions as to the need of a water-supply for the town, its advantages, and the most desirable system to adopt. We believe that the town needs an abundant supply of pure water; that it is essential to the health, comfort and convenience of the people; that it lessens fire risks, attracts business and new settlers, and enhances the value of real property. We also believe that the system of Works proposed by the Water Company will best fulfil all the requirements of an economical and efficient scheme, and that it will be for the best interests of the town to adopt the second proposition of the Quannapowitt Water Company, and we recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to call a Town Meeting at an early day to take the necessary action in accordance with Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BRITTON,
THOMAS EMERSON,
THEODORE E. BALCH,
CHARLES JORDAN,
JOHN A. MELONEY,
JOSEPH M. SKULLEY,
Committee.

WAKEFIELD, April 18, 1881.

The Acts of the Legislature which were appended to the Committee's Report may be found as follows: Acts of 1872, Chap. 335; Acts of 1877, Chap. 136.

John M. Cate offered a minority report which the town permitted him to read.

VOTED. That both reports be accepted.

A motion to lay them on the table was lost (Yes, 112; No, 291.)

A motion to indefinitely postpone the article was rejected (Yes, 196; No, 295.)

A motion to adjourn for one week was rejected. On motion of W. S. Greenough it was voted that the majority report of the Committee be adopted.

A motion was made by Richard Britton that the second proposition of the Quannapowitt Water Co. be accepted by the town.

Pending this motion, it was voted to adjourn for one week from to-night. (Yes, 198; No, 117.)

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MAY 2ND, 1881.

The meeting was called to order by S. K. Hamilton, Esq., Moderator.

The motion of Richard Britton made at last meeting was taken up, which was as follows: "That the second proposition of the Quannapowitt Water Co. be accepted by the town."

W. N. Tyler offered the following as a substitute motion, "That the town accept the second proposition made to them by the Quannapowitt Water Co. through the Committee of Conference chosen at the Annual meeting held April 4th, 1881, to take effect at such time as a Committee chosen by the town, and duly authorized, shall sign a contract with said Quannapowitt Water Co."

The question of substituting the motion of Mr. Tyler was lost by a vote of Yes, 171; No, 241.

The motion of Mr. Britton was then before the

meeting, and was rejected by a vote of Yes, 165; No, 255.

A motion to indefinitely postpone this article was then carried by a vote of Yes; 211; No. 173.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby we voted to indefinitely postpone Art. 34 (referring to prosecuting violations of the Liquor Law) was lost.

A motion to adjourn not carried.

ART. 42. To see if the town will place upon its records the statement made by the Overseers of the Poor for the year 1879–80, in reply to the statement of the Committee appointed by the town, and reimburse said Overseers, or their representatives, for any expenditures for printing and counsel fees connected therewith, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. That the town re-imburse the Overseers of the Poor for the year 1879–80 for their expenses of printing their report, in reply to the statement made by the Committee appointed by the town, and for counsel fees connected therewith, and that their report be placed on file. (Yes, 103; No, 74.)

ART. 43. To see if the town will build a cistern for fire protection on Otis street opposite the school house, or what they will do about it.

Acting under this article a motion was made that the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to build a cistern on Otis street.

It was then voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen with power to act. (Yes, 95; No, 39.)

ART. 44. To see if the town will provide a suitable reservoir for fire purposes on Albion street, between the Methodist church and Railroad street, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to build a reservoir on Albion street between the Methodist Church and Railroad street, and that the subject be referred to the Engineers of the Fire Department with power to act.

ART. 45. To see if the town will appropriate funds for the renovation of the main hall of the Town House.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 46. To see what action the town will take in relation to paying a bounty of one hundred dollars to William Newhall.

VOTED. That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to pay a bounty to William Newhall.

ART. 47. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen for the laying out of a new town way from Court to School street over a private way known as Central street.

James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented a report for laying out a new town way from Court to School street, over a private way known as Central Street, and recommending an appropriation of $150.

VOTED. That the report be accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

Report placed on file and recorded in Commissioners' Records. Book 1, Folio 62.

ART. 48. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen for the laying out of a new town way from Albion street to Stoneham town line over a private way now known as Byron street.

James Oliver, Esq., presented a report for laying out a new town way from Albion street to Stoneham line, over a private way called Byron street, the recommendation for construction being $500.

VOTED. To accept the report and its recommendations be adopted, also that the Selectmen be instructed to to place bounds at the angles of this street.
Report recorded with Commissioners' Records. Book 1, Page 63.

VOTED. That the Selectmen in building this street be instructed to advertise for proposals, and let it out to the lowest bidder.

ART. 49. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of

thirty-seven hundred dollars, for the purpose of buying a steam fire engine, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To pass this article over. (Yes, 100; No, 51.)

ART. 50. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of buying hose, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. To refer this article to the Engineers with power to act.

The Moderator read a letter from J. Henry Cartland declining to serve as one of the Fish Committee.

VOTED. To proceed to ballot for one member of the Fish Committee.

Result of the ballot,

Whole No of votes cast,		43
Sam'l Parker, Jr.,	35	
J. Edward Purdy,	4	
Scattering,	4	

and Samuel Parker, Jr., was declared elected.

The resignation of Dr. S. W. Abbott was then accepted, and it was voted to proceed to ballot for one member of the Board of Health.

Result of the ballot:

Azel Ames, Jr.,	25
J. W. Howland,	5
W. J. Howland,	2
Warren Nichols,	5
Scattering,	5

And Azel Ames, Jr., was declared elected.

ART. 51. To hear and act upon reports of Committees.

W. S. Greenough, Chairman of the Committee on purchasing a soldiers' burial lot, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee appointed at a town meeting, held Nov. 2d, 1880, with authority to purchase one or more lots in Lakeside Cemetery as a burial place for Union soldiers, at an expense not exceeding one hun-

dred and twenty dollars, have attended to the duty assigned them, and would report as follows:—

The Committee after carefully considering different lots and localities in said cemetery, with a view more to future than to present advantages, made unanimous choice of lots numbered 627, 628, 635 and 636, bounded and measuring as follows, viz.: East on Rose Path, 33 feet, south 43 feet, west on Catalpa Avenue, 33 feet, north 43 feet. The sum of one hundred and twenty dollars has been paid to the proprietors of said cemetery, and a deed made and executed in due form to the Town of Wakefield of the above described lots, has been received from them, and deposited with the Town Treasurer.

The Committee would recommend that the town appoint as trustees of said soldiers' lot the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Treasurer, and the Commander of Warren Post No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic.

And the Committee would further recommend that the above-named officers be, and that their successors in office shall continue to be, empowered by the town to take full and entire charge of said soldiers' lot until the town by its vote shall otherwise order; that said trustees serve without pay, and that they be instructed to incur no expense to the town for the care or improvement of said soldiers lot.

(Signed) W. S. GREENOUGH,
GEO. H. TEAGUE,
AZEL AMES, Jr.

Wakefield, Mass., April 4th, 1881.

Voted. That the report be accepted and adopted.

James Oliver presented a report of the Selectmen on the claim of Henry H. Evans for bounty. Report recorded with Town Clerk's Records, Book 7, Fol. 38, 39.

Voted. That the report be accepted.

A motion to amend the report so that Mr. Evans can be paid a bounty was rejected, and no further action taken.

W. S. Greenough, in behalf of the Committee chosen at the annual meeting to revise the Rules and Orders for the town presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to prepare and report a revised list of Rules and Orders, would respectfully propose the following changes in the present code, viz. :—

In Rule 7 to strike out the words "or pass over."

In Rule 8 to strike out the words "for State officers."

In Rule 13 to add "And it shall be the duty of the member first named to call the Committee together for organization."

Rule 14 to be stricken out.

In Rule 15 to strike out the words "Voting in the majority," and to add after the word "meeting" in the second line, and after the word "meeting" in the last line of said rule the words "or at any adjournment thereof."

In rule 16 to strike out the word "received" and to insert in place thereof the words "properly before the meeting for its action thereon."

New Rule. No report of Committees shall be in order unless made under an article in the warrant which explains the subject to be reported upon.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S. K. HAMILTON,
W. S. GREENOUGH,
W. F. YOUNG,
JAMES OLIVER.

WAKEFIELD, April 4th, 1881.

VOTED. That the report be accepted.

A motion that the report be so amended that a motion to adjourn shall be debatable, was rejected. (Yes, 36; No, 46.)

It was then voted to adopt the report of the Committee.

VOTED. That the revised rules and orders be printed in the next annual town report.

The Rules and Orders as revised will be found later in this report.

Rev. E. B. Burgess offered the following resolution :—

Resolved,—That the patriotic women citizens of this town who have paid taxes, and have availed themselves of suffrage so far as given, and by their presence have graced our meetings, and

have been educating themselves for the duties of citizens, are entitled to the courtesy and honorable recognition of this assembly.

The resolution was carried by a vote of Yes, 61; No, 11.

A motion was made to pay the Moderator the sum of $20, for his services as Moderator, but he declining to receive any compensation. A vote of thanks was tendered him for the very able and impartial manner in which he had presided over the protracted deliberations of the annual meeting.

At 12:35 A. M., May 3d, it was voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Town Meeting, May 9th, 1881.

Art. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Proceeded under this article to ballot for Moderator.

James Oliver, ...	84
S. K. Hamilton, ...	43
W. S. Greenough, . . .	3

and James Oliver was declared elected.

Art. 2. To see if the town will guarantee, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, the semi-annual payment of the interest upon fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Quannapowitt Water Company, payable in twenty years from their date, issued for the purpose of constructing its Water Works, and will pay said Company for said period the sum of sixty dollars as annual rental for each of the seventy-five double-nozzle-fire hydrants, to be furnished by said Company and placed in proper locations in the town, in consideration and acceptance of Proposition No. 2, submitted to the town by the Quannapowitt Water Company, through the Water Committee of Conference chosen at the Annual Meeting, held April 4th, 1881, and to confer the proper and necessary authority to carry out the purpose of this Article.

Acting under this Article Charles F. Richardson offered the following motion.

"That the town guarantee, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, the semi-annual payment of the interest on fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Quannapowitt Water Company, payable in twenty years from their date, issued for the purpose of constructing its Water Works, and that the town pay said Company for said period, the sum of sixty dollars, as annual rental for each of seventy-five double-nozzle fire-hydrants to be furnished by said Company, and placed in proper locations in the town, and that a Committee of five be chosen to sign and execute all contracts necessary to carry this vote into effect, and to protect the interests of the town therein. And that the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered for and in behalf of said town, to guarantee the payment of the interest coupons of said bonds whenever the aforesaid contracts are executed between said Company and the town."

On motion of John M. Cate, it was

VOTED. That the town proceed to vote, by ballot, "Yes" or "No," on Mr. Richardson's motion.

The Moderator appointed Messrs. B. B. Burbank, C. H. Davis and E. H. Walton to assist in checking names on the voting list.

VOTED. That the Chairman appoint two gentlemen who are in favor of Mr. Richardson's motion, and two who are opposed to the motion, to sort and count the ballots.

The Chair appointed Richard Britton, W. S. Greenough, James H. Carter and Waldo E. Cowdrey.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of ballots, the check-list being used.

At 10:30 voted that the polls be now closed.

The ballots were sorted and counted, and the result of the ballot was declared by the Moderator as follows:

Whole number of votes cast,	534
"Yes,"	282
"No,"	252

and the Chair declared the motion of Mr. Richardson carried.

On motion of Otis V. Waterman

VOTED. That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair who shall retire and nominate another Committee of five who shall have authority to sign and execute all contracts necessary to carry this vote into effect and protect the best interests of the town.

The Chair appointed as the Nominating Committee A. S. Atherton, Otis V. Waterman, Richard Britton, L. F. Linnell and Chas. F. Richardson.

This Committee reported as follows for the Permanent Committee: Richard Britton, Charles W. Trow, Thomas Emerson, A. S. Atherton and B. B. Burbank.

VOTED. To accept the report.

VOTED. To adopt the report. (Yes, 97; No, 30.)

VOTED. That this meeting be dissolved.

TOWN MEETING, MAY 16TH, 1881.

ART. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Acting under this article, proceeded to ballot for Moderator, the check list being used.

A. W. Brownell,	77
James Oliver,	4

and A. W. Brownell was declared elected.

ART. 2. To see if the town will choose a Committee to confer with the Quannapowitt Water Company relative to the purchase of the franchise of the said corporation, with a view to the introduction of water by the town, or what they will do about it.

Wm. F. Young offered the following motion:

"That James M. Evans, James H. Carter, John M. Cate, E. B. Burgess, Horace Gowing, A. E. Perry, Joshua Whittemore, be elected a Committee to consult with the Quannapowitt Water Company, a corporation supposed to be located in Wakefield, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms said Company will convey to the town the franchise of the lakes, which they claim to hold under corporate authority with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. And that this Committee are hereby instructed to obtain any information relating to this matter which they may deem of interest to the town, and report to a future meeting."

A motion to dissolve the meeting was rejected. (Yes, 206; No, 272.)

The motion of Mr. Young was then voted for with the following result:

In favor of the motion, . . .	259
Opposed to the motion, . . .	204

and the Chair declared the motion of Mr. Young carried.

John M. Cate offered the following motion:

"That the Committee chosen one week from this night stay all proceedings until further instructed by the town."

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

It was then voted that this meeting be now ad-adjourned.

Town Meeting, June 20, 1881.

Art. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Whole number of ballots cast, . . 102
John M. Cate had 102

and was declared elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the town will reconsider and rescind the vote passed at its meeting of May 9th, A. D. 1881, while acting under the second article of the warrant for that meeting, whereby it voted that the town guarantee at the rate of six per cent per annum, the semi-annual payment of the interest on fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Quannapowitt Water Company, payable in twenty years from their date, issued for the purpose of constructing its water works, and the town pay said Company for said period the sum of sixty dollars as annual rental for each of seventy-five double-nozzle fire-hydrants to be furnished by said Company, and placed in proper locations in the town, and that a committee of five be chosen to sign and execute all contracts necessary to carry this vote into effect, and to protect the interest of the town therein; and that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered for and in behalf of said town to guarantee the payment of the interest coupons of said bonds whenever the aforesaid contracts are executed between said company and the town, or what action, if any, it will take thereon.

Major Wm. S. Greenough obtained the floor, and asked permission to present to the town a protest signed by a number of the citizens of the town, against any action being taken under this article, as he considered the meeting an illegal one.

Mr. Henry L. Haskell offered a motion that Mr. Greenough be allowed to read his protest to the meeting.

A sharp discussion followed, and the motion of Mr. Haskell was rejected by a large majority.

Mr. James H. Carter then offered the following motion :—

"That the town reconsider and rescind the vote passed at its meeting of May 9th, A. D. 1881, while acting under the second article of the warrant for that meeting, whereby it voted that the town guarantee at the rate of six per cent per annum the semi-annual payment of the interest on fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Quannapowitt Water Company, payable in twenty years from their date issued for the purpose of constructing its water works, and the town pay said company for said period, the sum of sixty dollars as annual rental for each of seventy-five double-nozzle fire-hydrants to be furnished by said company and placed in proper locations in the town, and that a committee of five be chosen to sign and execute all contracts necessary to carry this vote into effect, and to protect the interest of the town therein; and that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered for and in behalf of said town to guarantee the payment of the interest coupons of said bonds, whenever the aforesaid contracts are executed between said company and the town."

VOTED. That when the ballot is taken on this motion it be by hand ballot.

Proceeded to vote on Mr. Carter's motion with the following result :—

Whole number voting . . .	270
In favor of the motion . . .	263
Opposed	7

The chair declared the motion carried.

VOTED. That this meeting be dissolved.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 8TH, 1881.

STATE ELECTION.

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wakefield, in said county, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Wakefield, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall, in Wakefield, on TUESDAY, the eighth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at nine of the o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, and Attorney-General, of the Commonwealth; for a Councillor for the Sixth Council District, for a Senator for the Sixth Senatorial District; for a Clerk of the Courts for Middlesex County, for a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, and for a Representative in General Court for the Eleventh Middlesex Representative District; and the votes for all these officers will be received on one ballot and in a separate box.

Also, to give in their votes, for or against, the following Article of amendment of the Constitution:—

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

No person having served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war, and having been honorably discharged from such service, if otherwise qualified to vote, shall be disqualified therefor on account of being a pauper; or, if a pauper, because of the non-payment of a poll-tax.

And the form of said ballot shall be as follows:—

"Amendment to the Constitution, Yes," or "No."

These ballots will be received at the same time and in the same box with the ballots for the officers above-named.

The polls will open at nine o'clock in the forenoon, will remain open for two hours, and for such longer time (not later than four and three quarters P. M.) as the voters present may determine.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the qualified voters of the town of Wakefield met at the time and place, and for the purposes named in the warrant.

The meeting was called to order by James Oliver, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. After reading the warrant, prayer was then offered by Rev. E. A. Manning.

The polls were declared open for the reception of ballots for the various officers mentioned in the warrant.

On motion of Richard Britton it was voted that the polls remain open until four o'clock and forty minutes P. M., and then closed.

The chair appointed C. H. Davis and R. L. Cooper to assist in checking names on the voting lists.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

For Governor.

JOHN D. LONG, of Hingham, had	385
CHARLES P. THOMPSON, of Gloucester,	126
ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, of Salem,	45

For Lieutenant Governor.

BYRON WESTON, of Dalton, had	336
JAMES H. CARLETON, of Haverhill,	126
GEORGE DUTTON, of Springfield,	45

For Secretary of the Commmonwealth.

HENRY B. PIERCE, of Abington, had	336
MICHAEL T. DONAHOE, of Somerville.	125
AARON B. BROWN, of Worcester,	44

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

DANIEL A. GLEASON, of Medford, had	336
WILLIAM A. HODGES, of Quincy,	126
GEORGE FOSTER, of Lynn,	45

For Auditor.

CHARLES R. LADD, of Springfield, had	336
CHARLES R. FIELD, of Greenfield,	126
WILBUR T. WHITNEY, of Ashburnham,	45

For Attorney General.

GEORGE MARSTON, of New Bedford, had	336
PATRICK A. COLLINS, of Boston,	124
DAVID O. ALLEN, of Lynn,	45

For Councillor Sixth District.

GEORGE HEYWOOD, of Concord, had	336
JOHN C. SANBORN, of Lawrence,	125
HIRAM W. K. EASTMAN, of Lawrence,	45

For Senator Sixth District.

THOMAS WINSHIP, of Wakefield, had	326
EDWARD H. WALTON, of Wakefield,	135
WILLIAM F. COWDREY, of Stoneham,	42

For Clerk of the Courts.

THEODORE C. HURD, of Cambridge, had	459
DEAN DUDLEY, of Wakefield,	46

For County Commissioner.

J. HENRY READ, of Westford, had	334
LEWIS P. TRUE, of Everett,	126
ABRAM TYLER, of Hudson,	45

For Representative to the General Court.

SOLON O. RICHARDSON, of Wakefield, had	324
EDWARD A. UPTON, of Wakefield,	138
JOSHUA WHITTEMORE, of Wakefield,	40

Amendment to the Constitution.

"Yes,"	159
"No,"	66

MEETING FOR TOWN BUSINESS.

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Art. 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator, to preside in said meeting.

James Oliver had four votes and was declared elected.

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the acceptance of the List of Jurors, as prepared and submitted by the Selectmen.

The List of Jurors after being read by the Moderator as prepared by the Selectmen, were revised and then accepted by the town. [For List of Jurors as adopted, see page 5.]

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, with reference to the laying out of a new town way from Main to Crescent street.

James Oliver, Esq., in behalf of the Selectmen, presented a report for laying out a new town way from Main to Crescent street.

VOTED. That the report be accepted and adopted. [The report is placed on file, and also recorded with Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Page 64.]

ART. 4. To hear and act upon a report of the Selectmen, with reference to the laying out of a new town way from the above-named new town way to Water street, in the rear of the Town Hall.

A report of the Selectmen was presented by James Oliver, Esq., for the laying out of a new town way from the above-named town way to Water street, in rear of the Town Hall.

VOTED. That this report be accepted and adopted.

[Report placed on file and recorded in Commissioners' Records, Book 1, Page 64.]

The recommendations in the two above-named reports are that the street under Art. 3, be called Lincoln street, and that under Art. 4, Smith street, and that the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars be appropriated for the building of both streets.

ART. 5. To see if the town will so change a former vote as to allow the yearly Almshouse accounts with the Superintendent, as well as his term of office, to close with the month of March, annually, instead of with the month of April, as is the present custom.

VOTED. That a former vote by the town be so changed as to allow the yearly Almshouse accounts with the Superintendent, as well as his term of office, to close with the month of March, instead of the month of April, as is the present custom.

ART. 6. To see if the town will appropriate money to build a reservoir at the junction of Salem and Vernon streets, or what they will do about it.

VOTED. That the town build a reservoir at the junction of Salem and Vernon streets, and that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for the same.

VOTED. That the amount be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for temperance meetings, for five evenings, in connection with the labors of Dr. Henry A. Reynolds.

VOTED. That the town grant the free use of the Town Hall for temperance meetings for five evenings, in connection with the labors of Dr. Henry A. Reynolds. It was also voted, that it is the sense of this meeting, that the free use of the Town Hall be granted for two evenings, for meetings in aid of the Soldiers' Home.

ART. 8. To see if the town will cause its records of births, marriages and deaths, since its incorporation in 1812, to be arranged, classified and indexed.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 9. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, or any other sum, for the purpose of grading and improving Main street, between Mrs. H. N. Flint's residence and the railroad crossing south of Richardson street.

VOTED. That the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with instructions to immediately place this portion of Main street in proper condition for public travel.

VOTED. That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to pay the expense of the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will petition the Legislature for authority to take, by purchase, or otherwise, the franchise of the Quannapowitt Water Company, or what action, if any, the town will take thereon.

VOTED. To pass this article over.

ART. 11. To see if the town will cause the advertisement of the warrant for the town meetings, to be inserted in both of the local papers, or what they will do in regard to the matter.

VOTED. That the town cause the warrants for town meetings to be inserted in both of the local papers.

ART. 12. To see if the town will increase its appropriation for expenses connected with the Fire Department, in the sum of five hundred dollars.

VOTED. To increase the appropriation for expenses connected with the Fire Department in the sum of five hundred dollars.

ART. 13. To see what further instructions, if any, the town will give the Selectmen in reference to the care of neglected children, and make an appropriation sufficient to meet the probable expense of such care.

VOTED. To appropriate two hundred dollars for the care of neglected children.

VOTED. That this meeting, so far as it relates to town business, be dissolved.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES.

Commemorative services in honor of our late President, James Abram Garfield, were held by the citizens of the Town of Wakefield, in the Town Hall on Monday afternoon, September 26th, 1881, at 2 o'clock.

In the absence of Hon. James Oliver, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, on account of illness, the meeting was presided over by Major Wm. S. Greenough.

Following is a programme of the Exercises :

1. Singing, ... by the Choirs.
2. Introductory Remarks, ... by the Chairman.
3. Reading of the Proclamations of the President and Governor, by D. N. Putney, Esq., Principal of the High School.
4. Prayer, ... Rev. D. N. Beach.
5. Garfield's Address on Lincoln's death, Read by Rev. Sam'l Hodgkiss,
6. Singing, ... by Choirs and Audience.
7. Address, ... Rev. E. A. Manning.
8. Address, ... Rev. W. H. Morrison.
9. Address, ... Rev. M. F. Flatley.
10. Original Poem, by John S. Eaton, Esq., Sec. Board of Selectmen.
11. Addresses, ... by Citizens.
12. Singing, ... by Choirs and Audience.
13. Benediction, ... Rev. Sam'l Hodgkiss.

The hall was tastefully and appropriately decorated under the direction of Geo. H. Teague, assisted by the Janitor, H. C. Hall. The outside of the Town House was also decorated under the supervision of Mr. Hall.

RULES AND ORDERS

ADOPTED IN 1853 AND REVISED IN 1881.

RULE 1.—Every person speaking shall rise, and stand uncovered; shall respectfully address the Chair or Moderator; shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities.

RULE 2.—All original questions shall be put, in the order in which they are moved, unless, as in the case of amendments, the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

RULE 3.—No motions shall be received and put until they are seconded; and all motions shall be reduced to writing, by the persons making them, when so requested by the Moderator.

RULE 4.—When more than one person shall rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall name the one who shall have the floor.

RULE 5.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Moderator, subject to an appeal to the meeting—the question on which appeal shall be taken before any other.

RULE 6. The Moderator shall declare all votes—and whenever a vote is doubted by seven voters, a count shall be had—which shall be by tellers appointed by the Moderator.

RULE 7.—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be in order, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence, in the order thus arranged.

RULE 8. Motions to adjourn (except when the business of balloting is unfinished,) shall always be first in order; and such motions, and motions to lay on the table and take up from the table shall be decided without debate.

RULE 9. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and until this question is

decided, all debate on the main question shall be suspended. Immediately after taking and adopting the previous question, the sense of the meeting shall be taken upon any pending amendments, in the order inverse of that in which they were moved, and finally upon the main question.

RULE 10.—On the previous question, no person shall speak more than once, without leave; and all incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 11.—No person shall speak more than once on any question, until other persons, who have not spoken, shall speak if they desire it.

RULE 12.—No person speaking shall be interrupted, but by a call to order.

RULE 13.—All Committees shall be named and appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise directed by the meeting; and it shall be the duty of the member first named to call the Committee together for organization.

RULE 14.—No motion once made and disposed of, shall be again received at the same meeting, or at any adjournment thereof; but any one may move a reconsideration—which, when decided, shall not be reconsidered at that meeting, or at any adjournment thereof.

RULE 15—When the Report of a Committee is placed in the hands of the Moderator, it shall be deemed to be properly before the meeting for its action thereon—and a vote to accept the same, shall discharge the Committee, but shall not be equivalent to a vote to carry out its recommendations, without a special vote to adopt it.

RULE 16. No report of Committees shall be in order unless made under an Article in the warrant which explains the subject to be reported upon.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881-2.

For Town Debt,		$5,000 00
Interest on Town Debt,		5,000 00
Support of Schools:		
Regular,	$11,500	
Contingent,	1,000	
Special for Painting,	500	
Total		13,000 00
Support of the Poor,		5,000 00
Fire Department:		
Regular,	2,400	
Additional,	500	
Total,		2,900 00
Salaries of Town Officers,		2,125 00
Expense of Street Lamps,		900 00
Town House Expenses,		1,200 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, (to include a Special Appropriation of $1,800 for a Night Watch),		4,800 00
Beebe Town Library:		
Regular,	$300 00	
Dog Tax, 1880–1,	238 04	
Total,		538 04
Memorial Day,		150 00
Highways and Bridges,		3,500 00
Concrete Sidewalks,		1,000 00
New Park Extension, and Sale of Grass,		300 00
Amount carried forward,		$45,413 04

Amount brought forward, . . .	$45,413 04
Concrete Walk on Otis St., . . .	50 00
Ledge on Cottage St., ...	75 00
Repairs on Pleasant St., ...	100 00
" " Emerald St., ...	150 00
Byron St. (from Albion St. to Stoneham line), ...	500 00
Central St. (from Court to School), .	150 00
Main St. (from R.R. Bridge to Mrs. Flint's),	250 00
Smith and Lincoln Sts. (rear of Town Hall), ...	175 00
Reservoir on Albion St., ...	250 00
" cor. Salem and Vernon Sts., .	300 00
Cistern cor. Otis and Pleasant Sts., . .	300 00
Bounty for William Newhall, ...	100 00
Seats on the Common, ...	75 00
Care of Neglected Children. . . .	200 00
Expenses of Fish Committee, . . .	25 00
Total, . . .	$48,113 04

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, .	$5,000 00
Received from various sources by the Overseers, and paid into the Town Treasury, in accordance with the vote of town, passed April 4th, 1881, ...	2,750 65
Total, ...	$7,750 65
Paid Selectmen's orders, ...	5,907 36
Balance unexpended, ...	$1,843 29

We have stated above only the aggregate figures, inasmuch as the Report of the Overseers in another place gives clearly and accurately the analysis and classification of both receipts and expenditures.—(AUDITORS.)

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

April 4th, Appropriation authorized, . . $11,500 00
Expended as follows:

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Abbott Sanford, Principal High School, .		$407 92
D. N. Putney, " " " .		495 01
Walter C. Hill, " " " .		275 00
Martha Keith, Assistant, " " .		602 50
Lucy P. Greenough, " " " .		401 65
M. E. Wentworth, Advanced Grammar, .		702 90
Abbie S. Perkins, First " .		573 75
Alice Freeman, Assistant " " .		74 17
Lizzie F. Ingram, " " .		156 28
Fred'k S. Cutter, Second " .		296 67
F. B. French, " " .		220 01
Edmund W. Wright, " " .		240 00
Philander A. Gay, " " .		33 33
M. Annie Warren, Third " .		502 08
Alice Field, First Intermediate,		381 60
Clara E. Emerson, Second " .		378 68
Alice G. Currier, Third " .		361 50
Myra A. Stearns, First Primary, .		142 50
L. J. Mansfield, " " .		240 68
M. I. Hersey, Second " .		328 32
Emma L. Randlett, " " .		66 00
Geo. F. Wilson, Music Teacher, . .		494 81
Sarah C. Hervey, Franklin Intermediate, .		302 45
Bertha Dana, " " .		69 67
Eva E. Howlett, " Primary, .		378 68
Francella M. Evans, North, . . .		140 92
Alice Freeman, " . . .		240 68
Annie R. Killoran, East, ...		140 92
Etta Hamilton, "		240 68
Amount carried forward, . . .		$8,889 36

Amount brought forward, . . .	$8,889 36
Nellie A. Miller, West Intermediate, .	378 68
L. J. Mansfield, " Primary, . .	138 00
Abbie M. Andrews, " " . .	240 68
Mary F. French, Greenwood, . . .	55 42
Susan S. Beebe, " . . .	326 18
Kate L. Brown, Woodville, . . .	367 42
Dora Freeman, Substitute, . . .	30 00
Celia P. Nott, " . . .	43 33
Total for Salaries, .	$10,469 07

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid W. H. Wiley, High School Building, .	$200 00
Geo. E. Gamage, Centre District, . .	180 00
W. W. Bessey, West " . .	81 00
F. L. Knight, East " . .	39 00
W. C. Perkins, North " . .	8 00
Harry Haskell, " " . .	33 50
Hiram P. Hill, Franklin, . . .	82 75
I. F. Sheldon, Greenwood, . . .	40 00
Fred. H. Rounds, Woodville, . . .	34 50
Geo. E. Gamage, " . . .	8 00
Total for Janitors, .	$706 75

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid H. C. Carbee of Stoneham, 131 830-2000 tons Coal at $6.24, , . . .	$820 03
Geo. W. Aborn, Wood to the several Districts, ...	52 25
Geo. E. Gamage, Preparing fuel, . .	1 67
W. W. Bessey, " " . .	3 50
Moses G. Hobson, " " . .	2 75
I. F. Sheldon, " " . .	6 00
Total Fuel Account, .	$886 20

Recapitulation.

Paid for Teachers' Salaries,	$10,469 07
Janitors' Services,	706 75
Fuel Account,	886 20
Total Expenditure,	$12,062 02
Appropriation brought forward,	11,500 00
Balance overdrawn,	$562 02

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,	$1000 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Edward E. Lee, books and supplies,	87 19
Doane & Greenough, stationery, &c.,	77 05
Wm. Ware & Co., supplies,	16 96
J. L. Hammett, "	11 18
Geo. A. Smith & Co., "	16 81
New England School Fur'g Co., "	2 50
Frost & Adams, "	1 40
Ginn, Heath & Co., "	33 84
E. S. Ritchie & Sons, "	2 26
Appleton & Co., "	5 40
M. W. Tewksbury, "	2 30
F. M. Holmes Furniture Co., "	48 07
C. W. Eaton, print'g & adv.,	41 82
W. H. Twombly, adv.,	1 50
Howland & Place, chemicals,	4 85
J. D. Mansfield, "	1 02
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas,	8 05
J. W. Locke,	5 90
Amount carried forward,	$368 10

Amount brought forward,	$368 10
Paid Wakefield Rattan Co., mats,	12 34
J. P. Dodge, repairs of clocks,	6 50
B. F. Burnham, engrossing diplomas,	5 00
Mrs. G. A. Elderkin, ribbon for do.	3 00
Wm. Gooch, tuning piano,	2 00
Geo. E. Gamage, repairs and sundries,	12 40
W. W. Bessey, " "	6 75
W. H. Wiley, " "	15 37
H. P. Hill, " "	50
I. F. Sheldon, " "	4 90
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	148 57
John Purington, "	38 52
Bacon & Sweetser, "	13 38
W. J. Moulton, "	4 50
J. B. Wiley, "	21 02
J. N. Eames, "	1 95
J. B. Whitney, Jr., "	2 00
Bartholomew Donelly, "	40 00
H. L. Haskell, "	16 04
Daniel Goss & Co., "	*27 63
George H. Teague, "	5 57
J. C. Rounds, "	3 15
Cutler Bros., supplies,	3 25
W. A. Cutter & Co., "	70
Abbott Sanford, sundries,	1 15
D. N. Putney, "	2 75
W. N. Tyler, "	60
M. E. Tyler, copying,	3 00
Cyrus Kimball, hauling gravel,	1 50
John H. Eaton, express,	4 28
W. W. Bessey, taking census,	25 00
Total expended,	$801 42
Balance unexpended,	198 58
	$1000 00

* 10 cents refunded to Town Treasurer.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,		$500 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Cutler Bros., material,		101 55
C. Richardson & Co., do.,		9 40
Daniel Jones, labor and material,		306 08
S. S. White, expense,		4 60
Total expended,		$421 03
Balance unexpended,		78 97
		$500 00

Recapitulation.

Regular school expenses,		$12,062 02
School contingent expenses,		801 42
Special for painting,		421 03
Total expended,		$13,284 47
Less appropriations, as follows:		
Regular,	$11,500	
Contingent,	1,000	
Special,	500	
Total.		$13,000 00
Net overdrawal,		$284 47

A bill from George Packard for repairs at the High School Building to the amount of $486, approved by the School Committee, remains unpaid at the time of making up this statement.

The following statement is furnished by the Treasurer of the School Board:

Balance in hands of Committee March 1st, 1881, as per report,	$250 55
Received from Town Treasurer, Mass. State Fund,	192 96
Total,	$443 51
Cash in hands of Committee March 1st, 1882,	443 51

(Signed) T. E. BALCH,

Treasurer of School Board.

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,		$900 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	for gas,	$543 28
T. H. Reagan,	lighting 3 mos.,	64 50
Michael Low,	" 9 mos.,	161 28
I. F. Sheldon,	" and supplies,	100 00
" "	repairs,	8 63
Henry Phelps,	lighting and supplies,	12 50
Michael Low,	sundries,	10 40
L. Descalzo & Co.,	repairs,	9 79
J. N. Eames,	"	11 03
Daniel Goss & Co.,	"	3 25
John Starrett,	"	4 30
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	1 00
Cutler Bros.,	supplies,	46 90
Nathaniel Tufts,	posts and lanterns,	25 00
J. H. Eaton,	express,	1 25
Total expended,		$1,003 11
Appropriation brought down,		900 00
Balance overdrawn,		$103 11

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,	$2,400 00
Nov. 8th. " " extra,	500 00
Total,	$2,900 00

Expended as follows:

YALE ENGINE COMPANY.

Paid Firemen's Services to May, 1st, 1881,	$795 05
J. H. Emerson, Steward's Services,	17 00
David Graham, " "	50 70
Citizens' Gas Light Co., to Jan. 1, 1882,	15 40
J. J. Mansfield, fuel,	13 22
H. N. Winslow, use of horses, 1879–80,	15 00
" " " " 1881,	6 00
Andrew Young, " " "	17 00
J. & S. Winship, runners for Yale,	92 00
" " repairs,	5 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	3 65
J. F. Woodward & Son, "	2 30
J. B. Wiley, "	7 87
Z. F. Fairbanks, "	75
J. N. Eames, "	50
Total,	$1,041 44

C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE CO.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1, 1881,	$525 00
George I. Oliver, Steward's Services,	28 25
Abram Gould, Rent of land 1 yr. to Oct. 1, '81,	12 00
Mason & Bridge, Painting engine house,	52 50
W. R. Mitchell, use of horses,	12 00
J. R. Reid, " "	4 00
J. J. Mansfield, " "	2 00
Geo. I. Oliver, repairs, &c.,	9 40
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	2 75
Total,	$647 90

CHEMICAL ENGINE CO.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1, 1881,	$180 00
Justin Howard, Steward's Services,	35 35
Charles Jordan, Rent 1 yr. to Aug. 15, 1881,	50 00
J. J. Mansfield, fuel,	2 00
George W. Aborn, "	2 15
H. N. Winslow, use of horses 1879–80,	13 00
" " " 1881,	6 00
C. W. Badger, chemicals,	16 88
Daniel Goss & Co., stove,	18 00
Bacon & Sweetser, sign,	5 25
Moses Staples, repairs,	1 50
J. & S. Winship, "	3 50
H. L. Haskell, "	1 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	3 62
Total,	$338 25

WASHINGTON HOOK AND LADDER CO.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1881,	$293 81
Fred Emerson, Steward's Services,	27 75
A. S. Cobb, " "	6 88
Warren Institution for Savings, rent from Jan. 1, 1881, to Jan. 1, 1882,	120 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., to Jan. 1, 1882,	2 10
J. J. Mansfield, fuel,	2 15
Henry Davis, use of horses,	4 00
J. & S. Winship, repairs,	2 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., "	1 05
J. F. Woodward & Son, "	25
Total,	$459 99

OTHER EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH RATTAN FIRE.

Paid Malden Fire Dept., coal for steamer,	$16 50
Stoneham " " "	15 00
" use of horses, &c.,	37 00
Benjamin & Vaughn, horses from Malden,	25 00
Joshua Eames, care of horses,	4 87
G. H. Hathaway, care of horses and teams,	8 00
Everett W. Eaton, supplies for collation,	50 82
H. L. Day, use of wagon,	1 00
Adam Wiley, " horse,	1 00
Sundry individuals for extra labor and services,	35 00
Total,	$194 19

NEW HOSE.

Paid James Boyd & Sons, 1000 ft. hose at 85c ft.,	$850 00

SUNDRY OTHER EXPENSES.

Paid James Boyd & Sons, repairs of hose,	$7 50
Hunneman & Co., sundry repairs,	97 06
H. N. Winslow, to Stoneham in 1879,	2 00
" " teaming, &c., 1881,	4 80
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell,	3 00
R. M. Pulsifer & Co., adv'g,	2 00
Twombly & Standish, printing,	2 50
Hall Rubber Co., rubber coats,	12 00
John Linscot, oil clothing,	6 00
Smith & Anthony Stove Co., reservoir tops,	12 71
A. C. Perkins, " cover,	1 75
I. F. Sheldon, care of reservoir, &c.,	3 85
J. H. Eaton, " "	13 00
" " express bills,	14 50
" " sundries,	5 90
Timothy Sullivan, labor on reservoir,	2 00
S. F. Littlefield & Co., sundries,	45
A. S. Atherton, "	66
H. L. Haskell, shelf for extinguisher,	50
Total,	$192 18

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co.,	$1,041 44
C. Wakefield Engine Co.,	647 90
Chemical Engine Co.,	338 25
Washington Hook & Ladder Co.,	459 99
Extraordinary expenses,	194 19
New hose,	850 00
Sundry other expenses,	192 18
Total expended,	$3,723 95
Less appropriations brought forward,	2,900 00
Balance overdrawn,	$823 95

The cause of the overdrawal in this department was the action of the town at its annual meeting (see Page 33, Art. 50), whereby it authorized its Board of Engineers to purchase hose, without making any appropriation therefor. Leaving that item out, there would have been an unexpended balance of $26.05.

SUPPORT OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

April 4th, Regular Appropriation authorized,	$300 00
Dog-tax of 1880–1,	238 04
Total,	$538 04
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treas. of Board of Trustees, as per receipts,	538 04

For expenditures see Trustees' Report.

MEMORIAL DAY.

April 4th, Appropriation authorized,	$150 00
Paid M. M. Sherman, Q'rmaster Post 12, G. A. R.	150 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,		$2,125 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid board of Auditors for 1880–1,		$100 00
" Selectmen " 1881–2,		400 00
" Assessors,		350 00
" Overseers of the Poor,		150 00
" School Committee,		200 00
" Fire Engineers,		75 00
C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk,		100 00
J. F. Emerson, Treasurer,		50 00
Richard Britton, Collector, on acc't for 1881,		250 00
Constables and police as follows, viz:		
C. H. Davis, Constable,	$29 00	
" " Police,	60 00	
Moses Staples, "	23 50	
W. H. Gray, "	16 13	
Geo. E. Gamage, "	3 60	
John McMahan, "	22 75	
J. W. Jenkins, "	10 00	
John F. Whiting, "	11 25	
John A. Meloney, "	6 00	
Orrin C. Potter, "	6 00	
P. B. Teed, "	10 25	
R. H. Mitchell, "	6 00	
Fred Emerson, "	6 00	
D. P. Mason, "	3 00	
Michael Welsh, "	12 50	
Robert Braxton, "	5 00	
I. E. Green, "	11 00	
Richard O'Leary, "	4 80	
J. W. Potter, "	12 75	
Amounts carried forward,	$259 53	$1,675 00

Amounts brought forward,	$259 53	$1,675 00
R. L. Cooper, " . .	6 50	
H. C. Hall, " . .	1 80	
Israel A. Parsons, " . .	12 75	
		$280 58
Total expended, . .		$1,955 58
Balance unexpended, .		169 42
Total, . . .		$2,125 00

The unexpended balance in this department is caused mainly by the Collector not drawing the full amount due him for salary.

TOWN HOUSE EXPENSES.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . $1,200 00

Of this appropriation $300 was designated to be for repairs for the outside of the Town House. The following amounts have been expended for that purpose:

OUTSIDE REPAIRS.

Paid John Farquhar's Sons, for repairs in slating roof, ...	$83 92
F. P. Annis, painting as per contract, .	330 00
" " repairing glass, . . .	14 25
W. J. Moulton, labor and stock, . .	21 25
Total, ...	$449 42

INSIDE REPAIRS.

Paid L. Descalzo & Co., gas repairs,	$16 40
Wakefield Rattan Co., repairing chairs,	2 00
T. H. Badger, preserving portraits,	27 00
John Purington, sundry repairs,	21 81
W. J. Moulton, " "	4 75
H. L. Haskell, new platform,	28 00
" " sundry repairs,	15 50
John J. Kelley, lettering settees,	7 38
J. F. Woodward & Son, repairs,	60
Total,	$123 44

GAS, FUEL AND JANITOR.

Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas,	$463 75
Geo. W. Aborn, coal and wood,	358 25
C. H. Davis, janitor 2 months,	40 00
H. C. Hall, " 10 "	180 83
Total	$1,042 83

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Wait & Cutter, 500 plans Town Hall,	$50 00
Oliver Ditson & Co., tuning piano,	3 60
John P. Dodge, clock,	6 00
B. F. Abbott, repair of clocks,	5 00
S. B. Dearborn, printing,	1 25
Geo. H. Teague, decorating,	35 00
C. H. Patch, supplies for decorating,	15 29
Doane & Greenough, books for Janitor,	1 50
C. H. Patch, sundries,	2 70
J. D. Mansfield, "	90
Cutler Bros., "	15 20
W. H. Gray, meals for prisoners,	10 66
Amount carried forward,	$147 10

Amount brought forward, . . .	$147 10
H. C. Hall, lock-up fees and meals furnished tramps, ...	*63 79
" " meals furnished prisoners, .	8 75
" " sundries and extra labor, .	35 11
Total, ...	$254 75

Recapitulation.

Outside repairs, ...	$449 42
Inside "	123 44
Gas, Fuel and Janitor, ...	1,042 83
Incidentals, ...	254 75
Total, ...	$1,870 44
Appropriation brought forward, .	1,200 00
Balance overdrawn, ...	$670 44

* We think this bill properly belongs to the Poor Department, and have so suggested to the Overseers, who admit it, but their Report being in the printer's hands, and as any change would necessarily affect their conclusions and balances in quite a number of places, it was thought best not to disturb it. The cause of the bills appearing in this department is due to the fact that they were rendered together with other bills by the Janitor, and a proper discrimination not being made as they passed through the Selectmen's hands —(AUDITORS.)

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . $4,800 00

Of this appropriation $1800 was specified for the payment of the night watch. This has been expended as follows:

NIGHT WATCH.

Paid John A. Meloney, from Jan. 19th, 1881, to March 1st, 1882.		
76 nights at $1.50, . .	$114 00	
173 " " 2.50, . .	432 50	
151 " " 2.00, . .	302 00	
		$848 50
Amount carried forward, . . .		$848 50

Amount brought forward, . . .		$848 50
John F. Whiting from Jan. 31st, 1881, to March 1st, 1882.		
221 nights at $2.50, . .	$552 50	
171 " " 2.00, . .	342 00	
		$894 50
Peter B. Teed, 20 nights at $2.50, .		50 00
R. H. Mitchell, 3 " " 2.50, .		7 50
Total, ...		$1,800 50

MILITARY AID.

Paid Nelson Gammons, ...	$168 00
John J. Kelley, ...	120 00
Patrick Fay, ...	120 00
Edward Magee, ...	120 00
Hannibal Nichols, ...	100 00
Peter Connell, ...	96 00
Timothy Haggerty, ...	93 00
Daniel E. Shanahan, ...	86 00
V. H. Ryder, ...	64 00
Daniel Doherty, ...	20 00
William Magee, ...	10 00
Total, ...	$997 00

NOTE.—One-half the above amount refunded by State.

RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD.

Paid Warren Institution for Savings, rent of armory 1 year to Dec. 1, 1881, . .	$300 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas 1 year, .	101 15
Geo. W. Aborn, fuel, ...	25 00
Amateur Rifle Association, use of range, .	25 00
Total, ...	$451 15

NOTE.—One quarter's rent to March 1, 1882, is now due and unpaid, amounting to $75.00. The amount for rent is refunded by the State.

PRINTING, STATIONERY, ETC.

Paid C. W. Eaton, printing reports 1880–1,	$284 16
" " Report of Overseers, extra,	31 25
" " Water Committee's Report,	38 00
" " Sundry printing and advertising,	217 57
W. H. Twombly, " " " "	18 62
Rand, Avery & Co., printing,	5 25
M. R. Warren, license blank,	1 80
Doane & Greenough, books and stationery,	62 25
John W. Locke, stamps, &c.,	17 00
Edward E. Lee, sundries,	7 21
Total,	$683 11

INSURANCE.

Paid J. D. Mansfield, insurance on Town House,	$250 00
" " Library and North School-house,	40 00
C. F. Hartshorne, insurance on Town House,	200 00
" " " " School-houses,	245 00
" " " " Almshouse,	67 50
Total,	$802 50

TOWN OFFICERS' ACCOUNT.

Paid C. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk, for recording statistics for 1881,	$92 65
C. F. Hartshorne, sealer of weights and measures,	10 00
C. F. Hartshorne, sundries for Clerk's office,	4 45
Wm. H. Gray, truant officer to May 1, 1881,	25 00
Geo. E. Gamage, " " " " " "	25 00
H. L. Haskell, " " " March 1, 1882,	25 00
J. S. Eaton, sundries for Selectmen,	3 25
" " " " Overseers,	13 70
H. L. Haskell, account destitute children,	2 00
A. S. Atherton, expenses of Water Com.,	25 75
John A. Meloney, return of deaths,	4 00
Oliver Walton, " "	12 25
Wm. G. Skinner, " "	5 25
Total,	$248 30

LEGAL SERVICES.

Paid C. W. Eaton, defective tax titles,	$48 35
" " in connection with tax deeds,	45 65
" " Ex. in Mid'x So. Dist. R'y of Deeds, 1880–81, and abstract, for Assessors,	52 05
C. W. Eaton, special ex. of Mid'x Records since 1870, and abstract, for Assessors,	40 00
S. K. Hamilton, professional services for Water Com.,	100 00
E. A. Upton, expense in connection with calling Town Meeting, June 20th,	21 50
Total,	$307 55

PERTAINING TO HIGHWAYS.

Paid Geo. H. Teague, signs,	$1 00
H. L. Haskell, signs and repairs,	21 49
C. F. Hartshorne, auc'r selling grass,	5 00
J. L. Edmands, damages to sleigh,	10 00
Harry Foster, " " buggy,	1 50
Geo. W. Aborn, " on highway,	8 00
H. L. Haskell, labor on music stand,	15 85
Bacon & Sweetser, " " "	10 67
Geo. Abbott, flag staff and repairs,	9 00
Patrick O'Connor, repairing trough,	50
S. F. Littlefield & Co., " pumps, &c.,	59 92
J. N. Eames, " "	3 25
Daniel Goss & Co., " "	85
G. W. Aborn, drain pipe, &c.,	3 76
Oliver Walton, labor in Old Cemetery,	6 37
Peter B. Teed, care of trees,	26 20
I. F. Sheldon, sundries,	1 65
Total,	$185 01

INCIDENTALS.

Paid W. G. Skinner, circulating Town Reports,	$10 00
Geo. E. Davis, " Water Com. "	8 00
Overseers of 1879–80, expenses of "Reply, &c.,"	70 00
Moses Staples, ringing bell,	7 25
J. H. Emerson, " "	6 50
R. H. Mitchell, " "	2 50
H. C. Hall, sundries,	14 65
Geo. E. Davis, posting notices,	1 00
John P. Dodge, repairing clock in library,	1 50
Leach & Greene, atomizers, Board of Health,	2 50
James Oliver, acc't Legislative Committee,	5 00
L. F. Linnell, express,	1 65
J. H. Eaton, "	80
A. J. Perham, picture frame,	2 75
J. H. Carter, acc't outlet to Lake,	2 50
C. H. Davis, police badges,	3 00
W. H. Gray, " "	2 48
" " sundries,	5 40
Waldo E. Cowdrey, 4th July celebration,	100 00
Total,	$247 48

Recapitulation.

Night watch,	$1800 50
Military Aid,	997 00
Richardson Light Guard,	451 15
Printing, stationery, &c.,	683 11
Insurance,	802 50
Town Officers' Acc't,	248 30
Legal Services,	307 55
Pertaining to Highways,	185 01
Incidentals,	247 48
Total,	$5,722 60
Appropriation brought forward,	4,800 00
Balance overdrawn,	$922 60

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . . $3,500 00

By vote of the Board of Selectmen, April 28th, 1881, the above amount was apportioned as follows:

Centre	District,	C. H. Davis, Surveyor,	$775 00
North	"	Joseph Connell, "	425 00
South	"	Levi B. Eaton, "	450 00
East	"	C. H. Hart, "	425 00
West	"	Simeon Parker, "	600 00
Woodville	"	H. N. Oliver, "	325 00
Reserved to pay Balances of last year,			373 60
Retained by Selectmen as Reserve Fund,			126 40
Total, ...			$3,500 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows:

BALANCES OF LAST YEAR.

Paid John G. Morrill, Surveyor, as per report,				$125 14
Joseph Connell,	"	"	"	68 61
Levi B. Eaton,	"	"	"	19 61
C. H. Hart,	"	"	"	89 49
Simeon Parker,	"	"	"	17 96
H. N. Oliver,	"	"	"	44 29
Simeon Parker, an additional bill,				8 50
Total, ...				$373 60

RESERVE FUND.

Amount retained by Selectmen,	$126 40
Expended as follows:	
Paid John G. Morrill, labor,	$10 25
H. L. Haskell, repairs of fence, &c.,	63 80
Geo. W. Aborn, drain pipe,	13 80
C. H. Davis, labor after concreters,	11 12
J. A. Bancroft, surveying,	1 50
Total expended,	$100 47
Balance unexpended,	25 93
	$126 40

CENTRE DISTRICT—C. H. DAVIS, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor,	$775 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid C. H. Davis, Surveyor, at $2.25 per day,	$52 42
Sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, at $2.00 per day,	584 08
" " as per bills,	8 78
City of Somerville, 692 yds. gravel at 10,	69 20
A. N. Sweetser, 126 loads " " 5,	6 30
Ira Wiley, screened gravel,	8 50
James Westgate, lumber,	8 83
James Lahey, stone,	3 50
S. F. Littlefield & Co., tools and repairs,	11 83
C. H. Davis, " "	2 25
Cutler Bros., " "	95
H. N. Winslow, teaming,	75
Sundry individuals as per bills for breaking snow,	159 83
Total,	$917 22
Balance in excess of receipts, and due individuals as stated below,	142 22
	$775 00

Amounts due as follows:

C. H. Davis,	$19 64
Andrew Young,	59 58
H. N. Winslow,	9 00
Addison Goodhue,	14 80
G. W. Cunningham,	14 00
J. J. Mansfield,	6 40
James P. Goodhue,	4 00
John G. Morrill,	6 00
James Foley,	5 00
N. H. Dow,	3 80
Total as above,	$142 22

NORTH DISTRICT.—JOSEPH CONNELL, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor,	$425 00
Received from New Park, appro'n for soil, &c.,	24 75
Total,	$449 75

Expended as follows:

Paid Joseph Connell, Surveyor, for self and horse, at $4.00 per day,	$118 58
sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, at $2.00 per day,	255 00
Joseph Connell, 240 loads gravel, at 8,	19 20
tools and repairs,	1 75
David Perkins, lumber,	1 25
pay-rolls for breaking snow,	141 46
Total expended,	$537 24
Balance in excess of receipts, and now due Joseph Connell, Surveyor,	$87 49
	$449 75

SOUTH DISTRICT.—LEVI B. EATON, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor,	$450 00
Received from sale of soil,	4 70
Total,	$454 70
Expended as follows:	
Paid L. B. Eaton, Surveyor, 29 3-4 days, at $1.00,	$29 75
L. B. Eaton, Surveyor, 7 3-4 days, at $1.50,	$11 62
Sundry individuals as per pay-rolls for labor, at $2.00 per day,	$336 50
" " at $1.50 " "	56 43
" " at $2.50 " "	6 25
L. B. Eaton, 80 loads gravel, 6,	4 80
Henry Oliver, teaming stone,	1 00
Andrew Young, plowing,	4 00
Pay-roll for breaking snow,	61 45
Total expended,	$511 80
Balance in excess of receipts, and now due L. B. Eaton, Surveyor,	57 10
	$454 70

EAST DISTRICT.—C. H. HART, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor,	$425 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid C. H. Hart, Surveyor, self and team, at $4.25 per day,	$164 79
Sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, at $2.00 per day,	243 00
City of Somerville for gravel (no voucher),	10 50
John Lee, 117 loads gravel, at 6,	7 02
Tools and Repairs,	3 00
Drain Pipe,	96
Pay-rolls for breaking snow (unpaid),	151 37
Total,	$580 64
Amount carried forward,	$580 64

Amount brought forward, . . .		$580 64
Balance in excess of receipts and now due C. H. Hart and sundry other individuals, as per unsigned pay-rolls, . . .		155 64
		$425 00

WEST DISTRICT.—SIMEON PARKER, SURVEYOR.

Amount allowed and drawn by Surveyor, .		$600 00
Expended as follows:		
Paid Simeon Parker, Surveyor, for labor, at $2.25 per day, ...		$124 87
Sundry individuals as per pay-rolls, at $2.00 per day, ...		400 00
R. L. Cooper, 75 loads gravel, 4, . .		3 00
J. W. Jenkins, 61 " " 10, . .		6 10
Tools and Repairs, ...		5 45
Pay-roll for breaking snow (partly unpaid),		121 67
Total, ...		$661 09
Balance in excess of receipts and due as follows:		
Simeon Parker, . . .	$18 42	
N. C. Dow,*	23 80	
Louis L. Phinney, . . .	18 87	
		61 09
		$600 00

* Probably intended for N. H. Dow.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—H. N. OLIVER, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned to this District, . .	$325 00
Less amount undrawn by Surveyor, . .	25 00
Balance drawn by Surveyor, . . .	300 00

Expended as follows:

Paid H. N. Oliver, Surveyor, for self and team, at $4.25 per day,	123 12
Sundry individuals as per pay-rolls for labor, at $2.00 per day,	181 00
Henry Harper, 72 loads gravel, at 6,	4 32
W. G. Doe, 173 " " at 6,	10 38
J. B. Whitney, Jr., repairs of tools,	1 70
Pay-rolls for breaking snow,	100 43
Total expended,	$420 95
Balance in excess of receipts and now due H. N. Oliver, Surveyor,	120 95
	$300 00

The total cost of breaking snow as stated in the foregoing reports is as follows:

Centre District,	$159 83
North "	141 46
South "	61 45
East "	151 37
West "	121 67
Woodville "	100 43
Total,	$736 21

The amounts due Surveyors, recapitulated are as follows:

C. H. Davis, *et als.*,	$142 22
Joseph Connell,	87 49
Levi B. Eaton,	57 10
C. H. Hart, *et als.*,	155 64
Simeon Parker, *et als.*,	61 09
H. N. Oliver,	120 95
Total,	$624 49

SCHEDULE OF CONCRETE WORK, 1881.

Appropriation authorized for Otis street, .	$50 00
Paid W. B. Ellis, for 225 1-3 yards, . .	85 62
Excess, ...	$35 62
Apprppriation authorized by the town, (one-half to be repaid by owners of estates), .	$1,000 00
Paid W. B. Ellis, for 4,053 1-4 yards (against estates), ...	1,535 41
For 61 yards Crescent street crossings, .	23 18
" 346 " Main street, " . .	190 30
" preparatory grading, to C. H. Davis, .	22 50
" measuring concrete, to H. L. Haskell, .	5 00
Total, ...	$1,776 39
Amount received by Selectmen, and deposited with Town Treasurer, . . .	731 44
Beyond the appropriation, excess, . .	44 95
Due on this account, ...	$25 34

Repayment has been made by owners of estates as follfollows :

M. S. Southworth, Eaton street, . .	$17 54
John W. Locke, " " . . .	11 34
Mrs. Hiram Sweetser, " " . . .	9 63
Mrs. Frederic Daland, " " . . .	8 59
Loel Sweetser Estate, " " . . .	11 47
Mrs. Zenas Eaton, Eaton street, . .	10 64
Mrs. Daniel Allen, " and Crescent, . .	51 51
Noah Eaton, " and Pleasant, . .	29 52
Moses Staples, Otis street, . . .	16 47
Amount carried forward, . . .	$166 71

Amount brought forward,			$166 71
O. V. Waterman,	Otis and Pleasant,		32 44
Richard Sykes,	Pleasant street,		11 78
Caleb Murdock,	" "		9 38
Chas. H. Hill,	Pearl "		14 63
John Perkins,	" "		11 65
Chas. A. Perkins,	" "		10 77
D. P. Mason,	" "		10 51
John S. Newhall,	" "		16 66
Geo. H. Sweetser,	" "		19 29
W. W. Kingman,	" "		13 30
Wm. K. Perkins,	" "		7 98
Mrs. Sarah Sweetser,	" "		8 08
J. G. Morrill,	Lafayette "		13 62
Luther Crocker,	Crescent "		8 87
W. G. Skinner,	" "		10 26
Henry Parker,	" "		8 79
Epes Butler,	" "		4 81
Wm. Rayner Estate,	" "		5 70
A. Hawkes' "	Center "		17 48
Connell and Curley,	Mechanic "		26 92
J. and D. Perkins,	Main "		9 12
School Yard Alley,	to Eaton "		22 25
Oliver Walton,	Eaton "		10 26
S. Kingman Estate,	" "		19 48
James W. Dean,	" "		9 12
Mrs. T. B. Skinner,	" "		8 95
Porter Smith,	" "		12 23
N. E. Cutler,	" "		15,38
W. S. Ripley.	" "		10 64
Mrs. W. P. McKay,	Avon "		26 05
" Calvin Nichols,	" "		22 90
" Lemuel Sweetser,	" "		11 50
" L. Hosmer,	" "		11 50
Amount carried forward,			$619 01

Amount brought forward,			$619 01
Wm. H. Tay,	Avon	street,	12 92
W. H. Hutchinson,	"	"	14 38
Curtis Clifford,	"	"	19 95
M. C. Trow,	Pearl	"	8 03
Joshua N. Eames,	Main	"	11 40
W. S. Greenough,	Avon	"	25 80
Agent of " Brown's Block " estate,	Main	street,	19 95
Total,			$731 44

NEW PARK EXTENSION.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . . $300 00

This amount was drawn by C. H. Davis and expended as follows under his direction:

Paid sundry individuals as per pay-rolls for labor, at $2.00 per day,	$256 02
C. H. Davis, labor and material,	24 12
Geo. E. Davis, labor,	15 00
James Westgate, lumber,	2 53
James Foley, labor,	3 70
Total,	$301 37
Balance overdrawn and now due C. H. Davis,	1 37
	300 00

The money received from sale of grass was also to be included in this appropriation. This amounted to $31.00, and an additional bill was paid to Joseph Connell, surveyor of North District, for soil, &c., to the amount of $24.75, which is accounted for in his department.

BYRON STREET.

(From Albion Street to Stoneham Line)

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . .	$500 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Patrick O'Connor, as per contract, . .	393 00
" " for sidewalks, . .	87 50
Daniel Haggerty, labor, ...	2 00
James A. Bancroft, surveying, . . .	17 00
Total expended, ...	499 50
Balance unexpended, ...	50
	$500 00

CENTRAL STREET, (from Court to School.)

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . .	$150 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Cyrus Kimball, as per contract, . .	$118 50
Geo. A. Daland, drain pipe, &c., . .	10 00
James A. Bancroft, surveying, &c., .	7 00
Total, ...	$135 50
Balance unexpended, ...	$14 50
	$150 00

EMERALD STREET APPROPRIATION.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . .	$150 00
Amount drawn in cash by C. H. Davis, Surveyor,	40 00
Balance unexpended, ...	$110 60

Mr. Davis has expended of the above $40 as follows:

Paid C. H. Davis, labor,	$5 06
Geo. E. Davis, "	12 00
Peter Connell, "	7 50
Jerry Cronan, "	7 50
John Doyle, "	4 00
City of Somerville, gravel,	1 60
Total expended,	$37 66
Balance due from C. H. Davis,	2 34
	$40 00

REMOVING LEDGE ON COTTAGE ST.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,	$75 00
Received from sale of stone,	8 50
Total,	$83 50
Drawn by C. H. Davis, and expended as follows:	
Paid Patrick O'Connor, for blasting,	$46 13
Wm. Toomey, labor,	10 00
Stanley Woodward, "	7 00
C. H. Davis, "	12 38
C. A. Cheney, powder and fuse,	3 11
J. F. McNelly, repair of tools,	3 40
J. B. Whitney, Jr., "	1 45
Total expended,	$83 47
Balance unexpended and due from C. H. Davis, Surveyor,	$ 03
	83 50

PLEASANT STREET APPROPRIATION.

(Between Eaton and Vernon.)

April 4th.	Appropriation authorized, . .	$100 00

The above amount was drawn in cash by C. H. Davis, surveyor of Centre District, and was expended as follows:

Paid C. H. Davis,	labor, ...	$14 62
Geo. E. Davis,	"	34 00
Peter Connell,	"	18 30
Jerry Cronan,	"	15 00
John Doyle,	"	15 00
City of Somerville,	gravel, . . .	2 30
Total expended,		$99 22
Balance unexpended and due from C. H. Davis,		78
		$100 00

MAIN STREET APPROPRIATION.

(Between R. R. Bridge and Mrs. Flint's.)

Nov. 8.	Appropriation authorized, . .	$250 00

This amount has been drawn in cash by C. H. Davis, Surveyor, and expended as follows:

Paid sundry individuals as per pay-rolls for labor, at $1.75 per day,		$197 96
City of Somerville,	gravel, . . .	27 30
Total,		$225 26
Balance unexpended and returned to Town Treasurer,		24 74
		$250 00

SMITH AND LINCOLN STREETS.

(North and rear of Town Hall.)

Nov. 8th. Appropriation authorized, . .	$175 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid James A. Bancroft, survey, &c., . .	7 50
Adam Wiley, contract and labor, . .	201 85
Patrick O'Connor, culvert, . . .	4 00
H. L. Haskell, railing, ...	4 55
Total expended, ...	$217 90
Appropriation brought down, . . .	175 00
Balance overdrawn, ...	$42 90

RESERVOIR ON ALBION STREET.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized, . .	$250 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid N. H. Dow, building reservoir as per contract,	$240 00
" " for digging and stoning three and one-half ft. deeper than called for by contract, .	100 00
C. H. Davis, labor and care, . . .	10 00
James Lahey, stone, ...	6 00
Total expended, ...	$356 00
Appropriation brought down, ...	$250 00
Balance overdrawn, ...	$106 00

CISTERN, COR. OTIS AND PLEASANT STREETS.

By referring to Page 31, Art. 43, it will be seen that a motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of $300 for the above-named object. Without taking action on this motion it was then voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen with power to act, so that in fact, no appropriation was made.

There has been expended on this account as follows:

Paid W. K. Perkins for building cistern as per contract,	$298 00

BOUNTY OF WILLIAM NEWHALL.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,	$100 00
Paid William Newhall, acc't bounty,	100 00

SEATS ON COMMON.

April 4th. Appropriation authorized,	$75 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid H. L. Haskell furnishing 25 seats on the Common,	63 78
Balance unexpended,	$11 22

The following appropriations have not been disturbed during the year:

Reservoir Cor. Salem and Vernon Streets,	$300 00
For care of neglected children,	200 00

The various balances due to and from C. H. Davis, as appears from the foregoing reports are as follows:

C. H. DAVIS.

Cr.:

By balance Centre District, . . .	$19 64	
" " New Park Extension, . .	1 37	
		$21 01

Dr.

To balance Emerald Street Appropriation,	$2 34	
" " Pleasant " "	78	
" " Cottage " Ledge, .	03	
		$3 15
Net balance due Mr. Davis, ...		$17 86

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF FISH COMMITTEE.

Balance Cash on hand at last report, .	$2 50	
" received Town Appropriation,	25 00	
" " Interest on Bank Deposits, .	2 00	
" " from issue of 700 permits at 25 cts.,	175 00	
Total receipts, ...		$204 50
By Cash paid Expense of Committee to Winchester, . .	$2 50	
Expense of Committee to Saugus, 5 times, . .	9 00	
at Lake outlet and Fishway,	2 00	
Printing and posting regulations, . . .	6 50	
Printing 800 permits and binding, . . .	22 00	
for stationery and envelopes,	2 09	
Labor of issue and record of permits, . . .	8 50	
for 2 pair balances, . .	90	
for notices in Citizen & Bulletin	5 00	
Samuel Parker, Jr., services on lake and at town house,	31 50	
Dennis Daley, services on lake and at town house,	7 00	96 99
Town Treasurer, balance,		$107 51
Total, ...		$204 50

20 permits by S. T. Parker not yet accounted for.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jr.,

Treasurer of Fish Committee.

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT.

Tax of 1879.

Uncollected balance per last report,		$4,006 36
Received as interest,		357 70
		$4.364 06
Paid Town Treasurer,	$3,990 39	
Abated by Assessors,	373 67	$4,364 06

Tax of 1880.

Uncollected balance as per last report,		$8,497 49
Received as interest,		145 90
		$8,643 39
Paid Town Treasurer,	$4,052 82	
Abated by Assessors,	74 56	
Discounts,	6 20	$4,133 58
Balance uncollected,		$4,509 81

Tax of 1881.

Total amount assessed,		$54,080 94
Received as interest,		13 43
		$54,094 37
Paid Town Treasurer,	$42,499 24	
Abated by Assessors,	487 73	
Discount allowed,	1,582 00	$44,568 97
Balance uncollected,		$9,525 40

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector.*

MARCH 1, 1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES F. EMERSON, Treas. *in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

DR.

To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1881,		$3,498 63
Received of T. E. Balch, overseer, balance in his hands at last report,		69 71
Hired on town notes,		50,000 00
Premium " "		323 00
Overseers of the Poor, as per receipts,		2,671 51
Richard Britton, Collector, 1879,		3,990 39
" " " 1880,		4,052 82
" " " 1881,		42,499 24
Issue of three Druggist Licenses,		3 00
" five Liquor "		250 00
Release of Tax Deeds,		287 76
Interest received on Tax deeds,		29 32
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,		3,758 15
" " State Paupers, (Poor Dep't.)		79 14
" " State Aid,		2,205 50
" " National Bank,		1,101 24
" " Relief Indigent Soldiers,		602 93
" " Armory Rent,		300 00
" " School Fund,		192 96
Francis Williams, Auctioneer License,		2 00
C. F. Hartshorne, " "		2 00
Daniel Norcross, " "		2 00
W. G. Skinner, " "		2 00
Murray's Circus, "		10 00
John H. Johnson, Pedlar's "		11 00
Selectmen, Error of Town Orders,		5 10
From Sale of Grass,		31 00
Income of Town Hall,		499 55
L. H. Tasker, Crystal Lake rental, 1 year, to March 1, 1882,		20 00
Selectmen, acct. Concrete Sidewalks,		731 44
County Treasurer, Dog Tax,		255 75
Selectmen, unexpended bal. Main st., Ap.		24 74
Samuel Parker, Jr., Treas. Fish Com.,		107 51
Interest on Loans and Deposit,		52 00
		$117,671 39

CR.

By Cash paid Town Orders, . . .	$41,982 41
Principal on Loan, . .	59,600 00
Interest " " . .	4,126 31
" " Flint Memorial Fund to Town Library, . .	60 00
State Treas.,1-4 Liquor license rec'pts	63 25
Richard Britton, Col. for tax titles,	299 82
For Registry of Deeds, .	8 80
Release of Tax Deeds, . .	12 00
Advertisement for Loans, .	12 50
State Aid Account,. . .	2,357 50
State Tax, ...	3,810 00
County Tax, . . .	1,914 57
Saugus Tax, . . .	4 40
National Bank Tax, . .	975 62
School Com., State School Fund,	191 96
Total cash paid, ...	115,420 14
Balance cash in Treasury, . .	$2,251 25
	$117,671 39

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1881, . .	$77,600 00
since hired by Treasurer, . . .	50,000 00
	$127,600 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1881, . .	59,600 06
	$68,000 00

Loans are now held March 6, 1882, as follows:

Bonds to bearer, $1,000 each, due May 1, 1882,	$30,000 00
Town Notes, held by State Treas. due Sept. 20, .	4,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, .	5,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, '83,	4,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, "	5,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, '84,	5,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, "	5,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, '85,	5,000 00
" " " " " " " 20, "	5,000 00
Total, ...	$68,000 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Bonds and Notes bearing interest March 6, 1882, .	$68,000 00	
Interest on Bonds and Notes accrued to date, . . .	1,260 00	
State aid unpaid, due to pensioners, .	74 75	
Outstanding town orders, . . .	214 63	
Total liabilities, carried forward, .		$69,549 63

Total liabilities, brought forward,		$69,549 63
Cash balance in Treasury, .	2,251 25	
Due from State on acc't State Aid as per monthly returns, 1881, .	2,325 50	
Due from State on acc't Military Aid, one-half of annuity paid, $1003,	501 50	
Due on Tax List, 1880, . .	4,509 81	
" " " 1881, . . .	9,525 40	
Total assets, ...		$19,113 46
Net debt, ...		$50,435 92
Net debt as per report last year,	60,497 18	
" " " " this " .	50,435 92	
Decrease since 1881 report, .	$10,061 26	

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

	Tax.	Date of Deeds.		
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	$23 16
A. J. Perham and Bessey,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	27 15
Thos. Lord,	1876,	Jan. 6,	1879,	21 78
J. W. Dearborn,	1877,	June 28,	1879,	8 23
Thos. Lord,	1877,	June 16,	1879,	29 81
W. W. Bessey,	1877,	June 16,	1879,	5 86
W. W. Bessey,	1878,	July 12,	1880,	5 39
B. A. Osgood,	1878,	July 12,	1880,	83 59
Owners Unknown.	1878,	July 12,	1880,	18 90
Owners Unknown,	1879,	July 16,	1881,	27 21
W. W. Bessey,	1879,	July 16,	1881,	5 78
Estate Wm. Brown,	1879,	July 16,	1881,	5 20
J. W. Dearborn,	1879,	July 16,	1881,	24 87
B. A. Osgood,	1879,	July 16,	1881,	80 92
				$367 85

STATE AID.

Amount allowed to various individuals for the year ending March 1, 1882, ...	$2,331 00	
Balance due and unpaid March 1, '81,	101 25	
		$,2432 25
The Treas. has paid of above amount,	2,357 50	
Due from Treas. to March 1, 1882,	74 75	
		$2,432 25

The amounts which have been paid each person appear in the following statement:

James E. Abbott,	$60 00	Warren Nichols,	$12 00
Elizabeth Bateman,	48 00	Wm. D. Parker,	104 00
W. W. Bessey,	72 00	Esther S. Parker,	56 00
Mary V. Brown,	44 00	Martha A. Pilling,	52 00
Ellen M. Bryant,	24 00	Lucy E. Poland,	44 00
Augusta M. Chandler,	52 00	Joseph H. Richardson,	54 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	52 00	John S. Sargent,	36 00
Thomas W. Coombs,	72 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
Frank Clark,	4 50	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
Hannah Clark,	8 00	George W. Townsend,	130 00
John Davis,	96 00	Thos. Twisden, to Oct. 1,	42 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	James Weary,	66 00
Rodney Edmunds,	78 00	Geo. N. Whiting,	72 00
Orlando N. Gammons,	22 50	Albert S. Wiley,	39 00
Micah Heath,	96 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	72 00
Needham C. Hunter,	54 00	John Wiley, 2d,	72 00
Joseph L. Hurd,	72 00	Hiram Woodis,	96 00
Geo. H. Jackson,	16 50	Nathaniel H. Wright,	66 00
Patrick Lanergan,	36 00	Elbridge A. Wiley,	72 00
Lucinda Locke,	40 00	Julia A. Wiley,	24 00
Sarah S. Mason,	48 00		
Elizabeth Moses,	52 00	Total,	$2,357 50
James Miller,	33 00		

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The close of another financial year demands from the servants of the town a complete account of their stewardship, and the Board of Overseers accordingly present the following figures and statements of transactions in their department, arranged, it is hoped, with such details of expenditures and receipts as to be found easy of comprehension.

It may here be stated that in the preparation of this report clearness of statement has been aimed at, and the expenses of several other years have been shown for the purpose of clear and easy comparison, (not unfair criticism), with those of the year just closed.

The Overseers have also made special effort to secure all possible settlements of claims in this department, which effort, as far as the Almshouse accounts are concerned, has proved completely successful, no outstanding claim being known to them at the closing of the annual accounts. The *outside* indebtedness, small in amount and definitely shown herein, gives indication possibly, of greater *completeness* in the pages that follow than has always been attainable.

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation, Support of Poor, . .	$4,500 00
" " Permanent Improvements,	500 00
Cash receipts of Overseers, paid by them to Town Treasurer.	
from Almshouse sales, ...	807 12
" " board, . . .	253 00
" other towns and cities, . . .	725 79
" friends of the insane, . . .	858 45
" State of Massachusetts, . . .	79 14
" from all other sources, . . .	27 15
Total sum available for Overseers' payments,	$7,750 65

PAID BY OVERSEERS.

Expense at Town Almshouse, poor, . .	2,060 33
" " " " improvements, .	337 21
" of home relief, ...	1,185 18
" " persons resident elsewhere having settlement here, . . .	283 00
" " persons residing here with settlement elsewhere, ...	361 59
" " persons in various hospitals, . .	1,680 05
Total expense, ...	$5,907 36
Unexpended balance, ...	$1,843 29
From which deduct:	
Estimated indebtedness to March 1, 1882, (over and above total town credits,) by reason of bills not yet rendered, ...	$200 00
Leaving Overseers undoubted credit, . .	$1,643 29

Almshouse Account. — Monthly Statement. — 1881.

1881. Month.	Orders Drawn.	Permanent Repairs and Fixtures.	Provisions.	Dry Goods & Household.	Grain and Feed.	Tools and Seeds.	Hardware and Repairs.	Labor.	Fuel.	Medical.	Salary.	Miscellaneous Expenses.	Stock Expenses.	Total Payments.	Receipts.
M'ch & April,	7			4 35	17 00			5 50			58 35	5 95		91 15	
May,	8		50 30	10 70	30 15		50		15 00	10 00		9 76		126 91	77 81
June,	4		19 32		23 45			18 00			29 17			89 94	201 01
July,	9		19 00		57 77	1 00		25 88	8 00		29 17	26 43		167 25	47 12
August,	8	57 50	46 01		34 44			42 66			29 17	5 43		215 17	
Sept.,	6		62 21		27 00			18 09	102 75		29 17			239 13	129 72
Oct.,	5		15 30					21 75			29 17	70		66 92	
Nov.,	10	7 86	119 86	16 90	125 60			23 63			29 17	1 85	5 00	329 87	55 20
Dec.,	11	126 13	23 16		27 05	25 66					29 16	21 27		252 43	104 82
Jan. '82,	14	118 72	104 20	12 69	77 35	37 40	57 62	8 00		11 25	58 32	3 55		489 10	179 75
Feb. '82,	18	27 00	85 53	32 93	83 80		3 67	21 99	4 88	6 84	29 15	21 88	12 00	329 67	204 69
Totals,	100	$337 21	$544 89	$77 57	$503 61	$64 06	$61 79	$185 37	$131 13	$28 09	$350 00	$96 82	$17 00	$2,397 54	$1,060 12

Outside Relief.—Monthly Statement.—1881.

1881. Month.	Orders Drawn	Insane Hospital Expense.	To Residents Outside of Almshouse.	To persons in other towns with settlements here.	To persons here, with settlement elsewhere.	Total payments.	Receipts.
March and April,	11	428 62	39 00	20 00	21 00	508 62	476 07
May,	5		62 50	23 25	22 00	107 75	298 39
June,	5		100 00		15 00	115 00	3 00
July,	14	421 85	69 25	10 50	37 00	538 60	158 29
August,	9		49 00	37 00	38 77	124 77	
September,	5		58 63		44 00	102 63	42 68
October,	14	351 35	147 38	20 00	15 80	534 53	114 56
November,	9		72 00		41 81	113 81	114 00
December,	8		77 43	48 50		125 93	
January, 1882,	21	478 23	249 62	28 50	67 65	824 00	172 15
February, 1882,	23		260 37	95 25	58 56	414 18	311 39
Totals,	124	$1,680 05	$1,185 18	$283 00	$361 59	$3,509 82	$1,690 53

DETAILED ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

GROCERIES.

Paid J. W. Dean,	$34 05	
Ira Atkinson,	44 69	
A. S. Atherton,	43 26	
W. A. Cutter,	37 75	
E. W. Eaton,	32 10	
W. V. Taylor,	3 35	
A. J. Hutchinson,	16 53	
W. L. Griffin,	46 78	
Cutler Brothers,	42 51	
H. L. Day	9 05	
J. C. Rounds,	3 10	
Total,		$313 17

MEAT, FISH AND OYSTERS.

Paid W. D. Deadman,	$111 39	
A. S. Atherton,	1 20	
E. W. Eaton,	2 73	
W. V. Taylor,	102 61	
J. C. Rounds,	6 43	
W. H. Godfrey,	7 36	
Total,		$231 72

LABOR ON FARM.

Paid Lucius Elliott, 6 months' work,	$108 00	
D. E. Shannahan, labor,	24 25	
B. W. Oliver, "	13 88	
Henry N. Oliver, "	11 37	
John Burditt, gardening,	7 25	
C. Thomas, labor,	3 75	
J. B. Perkins, haying,	5 63	
Florence Stafford, housework,	8 00	
J. Emmett, "	3 24	
Total,		$185 37

GRAIN AND FEED.

Paid Powers, Melvin & Co.,	$17 00	
Ira Atkinson,	74 15	
A. S. Atherton,	70 10	
W. A. Cutter,	40 01	
W. L. Griffin,	57 70	
Cutler Brothers,	60 40	
A. J. Hutchinson,	27 00	
J. A. H. Edmonds,	21 25	
M. Phillips,	31 66	
E. W. Eaton,	75 84	
City of Boston,	28 50	
Total,	———	$503 61

TOOLS AND GARDEN SEEDS.

Paid Cutler Brothers,	25 66	
Whittemore Brothers,	28 25	
J. C. Rounds,	1 00	
S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	8 15	
Ira Atkinson,	1 00	
Total,	———	$64 06

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOKS, ETC.

Paid C. H. Patch,	$30 82	
C. O. Anderson,	12 56	
Richard Britton,	8 40	
E. G. Daland,	6 00	
John M. Cate,	1 00	
	———	$58 78

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Paid S. F. Littlefield & Co.,	$22 69	
D. Goss & Co.,	8 37	
C. A. Cheney,	4 35	
Total,	———	$35 41

BLACKSMITH'S AND WHEELWRIGHT'S WORK AND REPAIRS.

Paid J. and S. Winship,	$33 00	
John A. Blunt,	9 50	
J. C. Rounds,	2 12	
J. B. Whitney, Jr.,	55	
Total,	———	$45 17

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Paid Dr. H. C. Perry, (veterinary),	$12 00	
S. W. Abbott,	11 25	
J. D. Mansfield,	4 84	
Total	———	$28 09

WOOD AND COAL.

Paid James J. Mansfield,	$131 13

STOCK.

Paid T. O. W. Houghton, 2 swine,	$12 00	
S. S. Sawyer, pasturing,	5 00	
Total,	———	$17 00

SALARY.

Paid J. C. Rounds, from Mar. 1, 1881, to Mar. 1, 1882,	$350 00

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND FIXTURES.

For labor on repairs of culvert, blasting and removing boulders and in re-building stone division-walls.

Paid Samuel Conant,	$65 25	
S. Froton,	71 50	
H. N. Oliver,	98 47	
D. E. Shannahan,	27 00	
G. Doucett,	9 63	
Paid J. Purington, for ice-chest, doors, screens, etc.,	65 36	
Total,	———	$337 21

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. F. Hall, manure,	$5 33	
J. Westgate, lumber,	5 43	
Cutler Brothers, fertilizers,	8 65	
J. G. Morrill, ice,	9 48	
J. H. Cartland, "	1 87	
P. P. Hone, lumber and sawing,	18 57	
D. C. Wright, dressing hogs,	5 00	
C. W. Eaton, printing,	1 75	
N. E. Farmer, subscription,	2 15	
Joseph Connell, service of bull,	2 25	
R. W. Cuff, harness repairs,	3 25	
J. C. Rounds, lumber,	5 00	
E. E. Lee, invoice book,	62	
W. G. Skinner, funeral expenses of Butler child,	7 50	
For school books, stationery and P. O. Box-rent,	5 78	
For setting scions, making cider and sundries,	14 19	
		$96 82
Total Almshouse Expense,		$2,397 54

EXPENSE AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

BOARD AND CARE OF INSANE AT HOSPITALS.

For Mary E. Adams,	at Taunton,	$180 60	
Sarah Bachellor,	" Worcester	170 05	
Mary E. Osborn,	" "	169 46	
George O. Sampson,	" "	98 49	
Nelson Sweetser,	" "	181 87	
H. C. Flynn,	" Danvers,	178 60	
George W. Clark,	" "	182 57	
Francis Hawkes,	" "	57 86	
L. S, Prescott,	" "	170 99	
H. M. Ricker,	" "	144 91	
Mary Regan,	" "	43 64	
Extra bills, (1879-80) paid,	"	101 01	
Total,			$1,680 05

AID TO RESIDENTS AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

Barnard Derby, board of L. A. Derby, Feb. 7 to Apr. 10, 1881,	$13 50
Cyrus Kimball, board of G. Feehan, to July 16, 1881,	20 00
Samuel Emmons, rent and fuel,	79 75
Frances M. Butler, to herself and children outside of Almshouse,	56 00
Jane Kelley, provisions, fuel and rent,	23 50
Mrs. Porter Weston, provisions, rent, fuel and expense of husband's funeral	82 00
Josephine Sweetser, cash paid A. G. Sweetser,	104 00
Mary McDougall, cash paid J. W. Dean,	130 00
Flora H. Abbott, fuel and provisions,	108 25
T. Regan's family, outside of Almshouse and Hospital,	82 49
D. E. Shannahan, fuel, provisions and medical aid,	64 38
Abbie Hawkes, provisions,	94 00
Henry Lawrence, fuel and provisions,	32 50
Sydney Snow, fuel, provisions and burial of child	11 00
Mary Casey, fuel, provisions and medical aid,	18 75
W. F. Jones' family, provisions,	19 88
Thomas Manning, fuel and provisions,	18 37
Samuel Mayo, " "	13 50
Suel Winn, clothing,	15 00
M. F. Leslie, fuel and provisions,	12 75
J. A. Meloney, on account of funeral expenses of M. Donohue,	11 38
J. A. Meloney, on account of funeral expenses, (to be repaid),	14 13
Amount carried forward,	$995 13

Amount brought forward, .	$995 13	
W. G. Skinner, on account of funeral expenses of Mrs. Higgs, . . .	23 15	
Oliver Walton, on account of funeral expenses of L. J. Roscoe, . . .	15 00	
Oliver Walton, on account of funeral expenses of A. M. Ritchie's family, .	17 50	
Oliver Walton, on account of funeral expenses of S. O. Blanchard's family, .	4 00	
Oliver Walton, on account of funeral expenses of M. Corbett's family, . .	3 50	
S. W. Abbott, on account of medical attendance of W. B. Crawford and family,	25 00	
S. W. Abbott and others, care of John O'Hare and family, ...	22 75	
John R. Mansfield, medical attendance G. D. Cronin and family, . . .	2 50	
Aid to children of B. Burlington, . .	38 00	
Physicians and nurse for R. Anderson, (State)	42 15	
G. W. Wilder, outside aid, . . .	2 00	
Aid to Mrs. White, (State Pauper), .	50	
Total, ...		$1,185 18

AID TO PERSONS RESIDING IN WAKEFIELD, SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

To James T. B. Hall, settlement in	Saugus,	.	$ 7 50
Annie Martin,	" "	Woburn, .	29 00
Mrs. R. L. Stickney,	" "	Lexington, .	52 00
Mrs. James McAvoy,	" "	Taunton, .	47 88
Mrs. E. Stafford,	" "	Lynnfield, .	36 33
S. W. Whitney,	" "	Watertown, .	105 00
Mrs. E. S. Sprague,	" "	Boston, .	60 00
F. B. Hamburger,	" "	Chelsea, .	1 00
Geo. E. Thompson,	" "	Lynn, . .	3 00
W. H. Batchelder,	" "	Salem, . .	4 88
Gerald Keegan,	" "	Stoughton, .	6 00
John W. Furbush,	" "	Warren, .	9 00
Total, ...			$361 59

AID TO PERSONS RESIDING ELSEWHERE WITH SETTLEMENT IN WAKEFIELD.

To Abbie E. Oliver, Reading, (13 months,)	$130 00
Patrick Farrington, Somerville,	14 50
Walter Linwood, Marblehead,	4 50
Henry Williams, Lynn,	35 25
" " Saugus,	3 25
Moses Barnes, Northbridge,	52 00
Ida A. Jordan, care of Butler child,	43 50
	$283 00
Total outside account,	$3,509 82

ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

From J. C. Rounds, Superintendent, on account of sales of cows, (2)	$90 00
" calves, (2)	12 00
" swine, (42)	225 79
" fowls,	20 14
" milk,	278 72
" apples,	76 37
" butter,	24 75
" eggs,	6 92
" vegetables,	39 25
" wood,	16 00
" ice chest and pung,	10 00
" cedar posts and wood,	7 18
cash received for meals furnished,	24 00
D. P. Mason, account of J. M. Hawkes,	156 00
Charles Davis, account of board,	63 00
City of Taunton, account Mrs. McAvoy,	10 00
Total,	$1,060 12

OUTSIDE RECEIPTS.

From City of Boston,	acc't of	Mrs. E. S. Sprague,	$ 90 00
City of Chelsea,	"	F. B. Hamburger,	10 75
City of Taunton,	"	Mrs. J. McAvoy,	47 88
Town of Hanover,	"	G. O. Sampson,	279 25
Town of Lexington,	"	Mrs. R. L. Stickney,	68 57
Town of Lynnfield,	"	Mrs. E. Stafford,	58 08
Town of Marshpee,	"	Mrs. Pocknett,	11 85
Town of Saugus,	"	J. T. B. Hall,	7 50
Town of Stoughton,	"	G. Keegan,	13 00
Town of Watertown,	"	S. W. Whitney,	129 00
O. H. Abbott,	"	Mrs. F. H. Abbott,	27 11
Freeman Emmons,	"	F. Hawkes,	144 44
V. H. Osborne,	"	M. E. Osborne,	119 00
Mrs. L. S. Prescott,	"	L. S. Prescott,	85 54
A. G. Sweetser,	"	S. Bachellor,	170 05
State of Mass.,	"	P. O. Masse,	53 14
Geo. E. Ricker,	"	Mrs. H. N. Ricker,	312 31
State of Mass.,	"	Peter Casey,	16 00
"	"	Henry Terrill,	10 00
City of Lynn,	"	Geo. E. Thompson,	3 00
Town of Warren,	"	John W. Furbush,	6 00
John A. Meloney, (in re-payment,)			10 00
Repayment of portion of Overseers' order,			17 15
Total, ...			$1,690 53

Recapitulation of Expenses.

ALMSHOUSE.

For permanent improvements,	$337 21	
provisions,	544 89	
dry and household goods,	77 57	
grain, hay and feed,	503 61	
tools and seeds,	64 06	
hardware and repairs,	61 79	
labor on farm and in house,	185 37	
fuel,	131 13	
stock,	17 00	
medical aid,	28 09	
miscellaneous	96 82	
salary of Superintendent,	350 00	
		$2,397 54

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

For Insane Hospital expense,	$1,680 05	
home relief outside of Almshouse,	1,185 18	
persons with settlement here,	283 00	
" " " elsewhere,	361 59	
		$3,509 82
Total both *at* and *away from* Town Almshouse,		$5,907 36

List of Insane Persons who have received Support at Insane Hospitals during the Year.

Name.	Age.	Birthplace.	Settlement.		Where Supported.	Remarks.
			Place.	Nature.		
Mary E. Adams,	42	Wakefield,	Wakefield,	Birth,	Taunton Hospital.	Continues.
Hannah C. Flynn,		Ireland,	"	Marriage,	Danvers, "	"
George W. C. Clark,		Wakefield,	"	Tax,	" "	"
Hattie N. Ricker,		Woburn,	"	Marriage,	" "	Died Oct. 30, 1881.
Nelson Sweetser,	72	Wakefield,	"	Birth,	Worcester "	Continues.
Luther S. Prescott,	18		"	Tax,	Danvers "	Died, Dec. 22, 1881.
Francis Hawkes,		Wakefield,	"	Birth,	" "	Removed, Sept. 22, 1881.
Sarah Bachellor,		"	"	"	Worcester "	Continues.
Mary E. Osborne,	48	"	"	Marriage,	" "	"
Mary Regan,			"	"	Danvers, "	Admitted Sept. 29, 1881.

NOTE.—The Overseers deem it probable that John Wales, who was formerly a resident of this town, and who is now an inmate of the Danvers Lunatic Hospital, will be found to have a settlement here, and will become a charge to the town accordingly.

Inmates of Almshouse during the Year 1881.

Name.	Age.	Birthplace,	Place of Settlement.	Nature of Settlement.	When Registered.	Ceased to be Supported,	Remarks.
James Lang,	49	Ireland,	Wakefield,	Tax,	Nov. 23, 1876	Mch. 16'81	Discharged,
Sarah Nichols,	83	Boston,	"	Marriage,	Nov. 25, '71,		Continues,
John Mertins,	64	Holland,	"	Tax,	Apl. 27, '78,		"
Frances M. Butler,	29	Wakefield,	"	Birth,	Aug. 1, '81.	Dec. 17, '81	Removed and aided
Harry E. Butler,	8	Boston,	"	Mother,	"	"	Removed and aided
Eva L. Butler,	7	Wakefield,	"	Birth,	" '81,	"	Removed and aided Outside.
Child of Mrs. Butler,		"	"	"	born, Nov. 21,	Dec. 6, '81,	Died.
Martha M. McAvoy,	14	Manchester, Eng.,	Taunton,	Marriage,	Sept. 6, 1881,	Oct. 1, '81,	Removed, Taunton.
John Low,	25	England,	State Pauper	None,	Oct. 7, 1881,	Oct. 14, '81,	Removed, Hospital.
James Regan,	1	Wakefield,	Wakefield,	Birth,	Nov. 16, '81,		Continues.
George W. Wilder,	59	"	"	"	Jan. 7, '82,		"
Hattie M. Wilder,	11	"	"	"	"		"
Fred F. Wilder,	8	"	"	"	"		"
Edith A. Wilder,	6	"	"	"	"		"

Joseph M. Hawkes has received board at the Almshouse, during the year, and $3.00 per week has been paid therefor by David P. Mason.

Charles Davis has received board at the Almshouse during a portion of the year, and $3.00 per week has been paid therefor by C. H. Davis.

ALMSHOUSE INVENTORY, MARCH 1, 1882.

One horse,	$75 00	
Two cows at $50 each,	100 00	
Two cows at $40 each,	80 00	
One 2 year old,	25 00	
One yearling,	15 00	
Nine swine,	130 00	
Fowls, (43)	32 25	
Hay, grain and feed,	159 50	
Manure,	112 00	
Carriages and harnesses,	364 25	
Farming tools, etc.,	171 50	
Household furniture,	342 82	
Provisions,	146 32	
Coal and wood,	68 75	
Total,		$1,822 39

ALMSHOUSE INMATES, MARCH 1, 1882.

	Age.
Sarah Nichols,	83 years.
John Mertins,	64 "
George W. Wilder,	59 "
Hattie M. Wilder,	14 "
Fred. F. Wilder,	8 "
Edith A. Wilder,	6 "
James Regan,	1 "

Joseph M. Hawkes, (board repaid by D. P. Mason.)
Charles Davis, " "

FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total expense on Almshouse account, .		$2,397 54
Less cost of permanent improvements, .	$337 21	
And cash received and paid Treasurer, .	1,060 12	
		$1,397 33
		$1,000 21
Add value of Inventory, April, 1881, .		1,764 30
		$2,764 51
Deduct value of Inventory, Mar. 1, 1882,		1,822 39
Net cost of support at Almshouse, . .		$942 12
Net cost of support outside, . . .		1,819 29
Total net cost of support of the poor,		$2,761 41

ALMSHOUSE STATEMENT.

Number of inmates, including J. M. Hawkes, first of year, ...	3
Number of inmates, including Davis and Hawkes, close of year, ...	9
Largest number at any one time, ...	9
Smallest " " "	3
Average number during the year, ...	6

For the gratification of the curious in such matters, this information is given:

Whole number of days' board of persons, exclusive of Superintendent's regular family, . . .	2,208

This gives a daily cost of about 43 cents; or a weekly cost of $3 2-100 per person.

Number of tramps received at the lock-up, . .	114
At the Almshouse, none.	

Almshouse Expense. Comparative. 1880 and 1881.

Payments.	1880.	1881.	Increase 1881	Decrease 1881	
For permanent improvements,	$173 41	$337 21	$63 80		
Hay, grain and feed,	529 47	503 61		$25 86	
Provisions,	558 47	544 89		13 58	
Labor,	184 73	185 37	64		
Stock purchased,	457 68	17 00		440 68	
Manure,	11 50	5 33		6 17	
Household goods,	184 52	18 79		165 73	
Hardware, Blacksmithing and repairs,	138 32	61 79		76 53	
Tools and seeds,	55 94	64 06	8 12		
Medicines and attendance,	72 35	28 09		44 26	
Salary,	370 82	350 00		20 82	
Fuel,	61 50	128 37	66 87		
Dry goods, clothing, boots, etc.,	91 20	58 78		32 42	
Burial expenses,	6 00	7 50	1 50		
Miscellaneous,	123 46	57 75		65 61	
Lumber,	73 05	29 00		44 05	
	$3,092 42	$2,397 54	$140 93	$935 71	
Receipts from sales,	1,210 42	1,060 12		140 93	
Net,	$1,882 00	$1,337 42		$794 78	Net decrease in 1881.

Although the present financial year was commenced with only two Almshouse inmates, that were being wholly supported at the town's expense, additions and removals have from time to time occurred, and the year closed with eight inmates there.

Fortunately, general comparative health has marked the passage of the year, and the quiet monotony of that institution has been somewhat enlivened by the unusual occurrence of a birth therein,—this infant dying there two weeks afterward,—and being the only death there during the year.

How nearly "self-supporting" it is possible to render the Almshouse establishment, we suppose still remains an unsolved problem; as the number and condition of its inmates must largely determine the sum of its annual expenses.

Given,—a good manager on the farm, a good woman in the house, a good season with good crops, the inmates few and in good health,—(a desirable yet unusual combination,) and the problem might, perhaps, thus find a satisfactory solution.

That the figures we have here presented, as compared with those of other years, show a *gain in the right direction*, we hope will prove as gratifying a result to all as it has already done to the Overseers themselves.

At the commencement of the year the town authorized the expenditure of five hundred dollars in the permanent improvement of the Town Farm.

The plans and suggestions of the Overseers having reference to such improvement,—plans which, if carried out successfully, they supposed would add alike to the beauty and value of the farm,—have failed of entire completion in the manner proposed, as the Superintendent lacked inclination or opportunity to attempt their accomplishment.

Yet a portion of the changes contemplated, commenced quite late in the season, have been effected by persons employed for that purpose.

Broken culverts have been replaced, inconvenient and unsightly boulders and bushes have been removed from the

grass-lands, dilapidated stone division walls have been removed and rebuilt; thus adding increased smoothness to a portion of the farm.

The removal of dead bark and decayed limbs from the orchard-trees has greatly improved the appearance of that portion of the estate; a labor not without compensation, since those trees have yielded about 150 bushels of apples within the year.

And there remain opportunities for further improvements, as the town may authorize such expenditures.

The action of the town at its last November meeting, in changing the termination of the contract with the Superintendent from April 30th to March 31st, has rendered it necessary for the out-going Board of Overseers to make arrangements toward securing one for the coming year, in advance of the annual election of town officers.

In compliance with the instructions of the town, all vouchers for payments in the Overseers' department, duly approved, have passed through the hands of the Selectmen before payment, and orders therefor have been issued by the Selectmen.

In further compliance with town instructions, all cash payments made *to* the Overseers, from sales at the Almshouse and from various cities, towns and individuals, have been deposited, monthly, with the town Treasurer.

And these methods—new in this department—have, it is believed, secured complete accuracy in these accounts, and have appeared to work satisfactorily.

A question, affecting the settlement of an insane man, a former resident, has recently been presented to the Overseers, which, for its determination, required a knowledge of the fact that the individual named did actually pay a tax in this town during certain specified years.

Finding in the town safes no record book of any Tax Collector, for any year, the Overseers were compelled to seek the desired information from the persons who had served as

Collectors during those years,—some of them not now residents of this state.

This search established the fact that, of the *ten* years' records thus desired only *three* could be found; the others being, it may be supposed, permanently *lost*.

As similar cases, requiring such knowledge, are likely to arise in the future, the Overseers respectfully recommend that the town adopt measures to secure all books of this class that can be now obtained; and that all future Tax Collectors be instructed to return such books to the Assessors, when, and as soon as their payments are complete, in order that they may be carefully preserved with other valuable records.

In addition to the relief now experienced by the Overseers in relinquishing the duties pertaining to this department,—duties sometimes perplexing and not always pleasant,—they find some satisfaction in the consciousness of an attempt to perform them economically, promptly and faithfully.

They also find satisfaction in the fact that the figures herein presented, as compared with those of previous years in the same department, exhibit a very material reduction of the net expense.

In confirmation of this result, attention is directed to the comparative statement on the following page:

NOTE.—On page 101, the sum of aid furnished Abbie Hawkes should have been $ 64 00

On page 104, the sum received from the City of Boston should have been $90 91

Year.	Net Expense Almshouse.	Net Expense Outside.	Total Net Expense.
1876	$2,872 96	$2,133 87	$5,006 83
1877	3,141 45	2,262 05	5,403 50
1878	2,824 81	2,772 20	5,597 01
1879	2,752 11	3,089 36	5,841 47
1880	1,882 00	3,111 44	4,993 44
Total 5 years,	$13,473 33	$13,368 92	$26,842 25
Average,	$2,694 67	$2,673 78	$5,368 45
1881	942 12	1,819 29	2,761 41
Decrease,	$1,752 55	$854 49	$2,607 04
Due March 1,		200 00	200 00
	$1,752 55	$654 49	$2,407 04
Deduct,	*63 79		
	$1,688 76		

* The Overseers desire to state that this sum of $63.79, on account of lock-up fees and meals furnished tramps, as stated on page 66, which the Auditors think should have been shown as a part of the Almshouse expense, was not intentionally omitted by them, and would have been readily included there, had the suggestion reached them before their report was completed for the printer. A glance will show what change its insertion would have caused, leaving the net Almshouse reduction (as compared with five years' average,) a little less than seventeen hundred dollars. It would also have increased the cost of support at Almshouse, (as elsewhere given), about twenty cents per week.—[OVERSEERS.]

A careful examination of the foregoing statement we think will show a net reduction of cost of support of the poor, at the Almshouse during the year just closed, as compared with the five years' average in round numbers of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars, a total net reduction of cost of support of the poor, including outside relief, so compared, of twenty-four hundred dollars, and, compared with the year 1880, the smallest of the five, a total net reduction of two thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PURINGTON,
JAMES W. DEAN,
JOHN S. EATON.
} *Overseers of the Poor.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

BYRON STREET.

At the annual meeting in April, the Report of the Selectmen, laying out Byron street as a town way, was accepted and adopted, and the sum of $500 was appropriated to meet the expense of the same. A contract was made for building the same, with P. O'Connor, for the sum of $480.50. To James A. Bancroft for surveying and plan, $17.00; D. Haggerty, labor, $2.00. Total, $499.50.

CENTRAL STREET.

At the same meeting the report of the Selectmen laying out the easterly part of a private way from School to Cordis streets, known as Central street, for a public highway, was adopted, and the sum of $150 was appropriated for the same, expended as follows: Cyrus Kimball, contract, $118.50, Geo. A. Daland, $10, James A. Bancroft, survey and plan, $7. Total, $135.50.

LINCOLN STREET AND SMITH STREET.

Reported by the Selectmen, and the report adopted by the town Nov. 8th, 1881, and $175 appropriated for building the same, expended as follows: Adam Wiley, contract, $201.85, H. L. Haskell, railing, $4.55, P. O'Connor, culvert, $4, James A. Bancroft, survey and plan, $7.50. Total, $217.90.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT.

An appropriation of $250 was ordered by the town for the regrading of that part of Main street lying between Charles street and the Railroad Crossing. The work was completed by the Highway Surveyor of the Centre District for $225.26.

The portraits of Washington and Wakefield in the Town Hall have been renewed and brightened, (as per vote of the town), by Mr. T. H. Badger, the original painter of the Wakefield portrait, at an expense of $27.

At the annual meeting the Selectmen were instructed to procure a plan of seats for the Town Hall. These instructions have been carried out by a contract with Messrs. Wait and Cutter, for five hundred copies of a plan, of which a portion are lithograph and the balance cardboard, for the sum of $50.

In accordance with the vote of the town, twenty-five seats have been placed upon the Common by Mr. Henry L. Haskell, at an expense of $63.78; appropriation, $75.

As per vote of the town, a cistern has been placed at the junction of Otis and Pleasant streets by contract with Wm. K. Perkins, at a cost of $298; appropriation, $300.

At the annual meeting in November the town voted to place a reservoir at the junction of Salem and Vernon streets, and appropriated the sum of $300 to cover the expense of the same. An examination of the ground, and measurement of the water in wells in the immediate vicinity, satisfied your board that a supply of water sufficient to make a reservoir of any practical value, in case of fire in the vicinity, would cost nearly, or quite double the amount of the appropriation. One well nineteen feet in depth, within a short distance of the spot, was found entirely dry, others twenty-two and twenty-five feet, contained eighteen and twenty inches of water. Under these circumstances it was deemed best not to commence the work, but report the facts to the town.

A bounty of one hundred dollars has been paid to William Newhall as per vote of the town, May 2d, 1881.

Auctioneers' licenses were granted to Daniel Norcross, Wm. G. Skinner, Francis Williams and Charles F. Hartshorne. Druggists' licenses were granted Joseph D. Mansfield, Wm. J. Howland, Wm. H. Piper and B. W. Conant. Victuallers' licenses were granted to John F. Alexander, Wm. O. Evans, George Cox, S. H. Nickerson, C. F. Doherty, Mrs. A. McMillan, and Aaron Butler. Licenses for the sale of beer and light wines were granted to Geo. Cox, Mrs. A. McMillan, Wm. O. Evans, S. H. Nickerson, and C. F. Doherty.

Direction boards are all in proper order upon the various avenues leading to other towns, and there is no deficiency in this respect of which we are aware.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES OLIVER,
B. B. BURBANK,
JOHN S. EATON.
Selectmen of Wakefield.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of Wakefield present the following valuation of estates, real and personal, taxed in this town May 1st, 1882:

Valuation of Real Estate, . . .	$2,877,281 00
" " Personal " . . .	507,990 00
Resident Bank Stock (Nat. B'k of So. Reading,)	48,185 00
Total valuation, . . .	$3,433,456 00
Whole number of polls 1,497 at $2.00, .	$2,994 00
Total amount assessed including bank stock and overlay, ...	53,122,45 00
Rate of taxation $14.60 per $1,000.	
Whole number of dwelling houses taxed, .	1,042
" " " horses "	301
" " " cows "	216
" " " sheep "	0
" " " acres of land "	3,734
Value of real estate and machinery of corporations, ...	$342,545 00
Value of real estate in Wakefield exempted by law from taxation, ...	$145,950 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES OLIVER,
CHAS. F. HARTSHORNE,
DAVID PERKINS,

Assessors of Wakefield.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

The Engineers would submit the following report of the Fire Department for the year ending March 1st, 1882:

The Department at present consists of two hand engines, one Chemical Engine, one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, two jumpers, one Hook and Ladder carriage, a set of double runners for Yale Engine, one Fire Extinguisher and Johnson Pump located in the Town Hall, Board of three Engineers and one hundred and twenty men, divided as follows:

Yale Engine Co. No. 1, fifty-five men.

C. Wakefield Engine Co. No. 2, thirty-five men.

Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, twenty men.

Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, ten men.

The Department has about twenty-seven hundred feet of hose, one thousand of which your Engineers, acting under the vote of the town, purchased the past year at a cost of eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Your Engineers have in accordance with the vote of the town caused a reservoir to be built on Albion street. The place selected for building the reservoir, near the residence of Mr. Williams, seemed to your Engineers the place where the largest supply of water could be obtained, and at the least expense to the town. The contract for building the reservoir was awarded to N. H. Dow, for the sum of two hundred and forty dollars for a depth of 13 feet. But that not being sufficient it was dug three and a half feet deeper at an extra cost of one hundred dollars. It promises to be an extra good reservoir. There has also been added to our water supply the past year a cistern built under the direc-

tion of the Selectmen, at the corner of Otis and Pleasant streets. We are in hopes this will prove as well as we anticipate, and that the town will continue to build more of them in places where reservoirs cannot be easily built. Owing to the large snow storms the past winter the Engineers thought best to have a set of runners made for the Yale Engine. When completed we had them attached and tried, and feel warranted in saying that when needed considerable time will be gained by their use.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

March 12th, 1881. Fire at the Wakefield Rattan Works. This was the largest fire that ever occurred in our town. In looking over the record of the previous board we find that the fire was discovered at 12.40 A. M., and the alarm given. But before the arrival of the Department, the flames had complete control of the large building in which the fire started. The Department were soon at work on the fire, but their utmost efforts were insufficient to check the progress of the flames, which were spreading with great rapidity from one building to another. Our predecessors in office, who were then in charge of the Fire Department, seeing that the fire was larger than our Department could handle, immediately dispatched to our neighboring towns for help, and in response, as soon as circumstances would permit, were assisted by the arrival of one steam fire engine, one hand engine, hose and hook and ladder carriages from Stoneham, two hand engines from Reading, one steam fire engine with hose carriage from Malden. With this force the fire was checked and soon under control. The Department were kept in service until eleven o'clock the next day, and special men detailed to work on the ruins throughout the day and night. There were eight buildings burned. Loss to the company $190,000, which was covered by an insurance of $330,000. There was also a dwelling house burned, corner of Water and Melvin streets, which was insured for one thousand dollars.

April 3d. Fire in Perkins' Block, corner Main and Albion streets, caused by a lamp setting fire to a dry box used by C. F. Richardson in preparing plates. Loss on building $134.50; fully covered by insurance. Loss to C. F. Richardson $75, on which there was no insurance. Loss to C. O. Anderson by water $100, which was covered by insurance.

May 9th. An alarm was given at 8.40 P. M., caused by the burning of waste in the varnish shop of the Rattan Works, which was extinguished before the arrival of the Department, without serious damage.

May 10th, 9 P. M. Alarm caused by the burning of brush in Woodville.

May 12th, 4 A. M. Fire was discovered in a carpenter shop on Vernon street, owned by John W. Pettengill, but was extinguished without calling out the Department. Damage trifling.

July 3d, 2.45 A. M. Alarm caused by the burning of an unoccupied dwelling house on Lake street, owned by Edwin Mercer. Loss, $800, covered by insurance. Caused by an incendiary. The house owned and occupied by Wm. Greaney near by, was damaged to the extent of $75, which was covered by insurance.

July 3d, 5 P. M. Alarm caused by fire being discovered in a dwelling house in Greenwood, owned by John T. Atwood. Loss to building $170, covered by insurance.

Jan. 27th, 1882. Fire at the Peoples' Ice Co. ice houses on Railroad street. Loss on building $200, on ice $1,000; insurance on building $2,000, on ice $3,000. Probable cause, incendiary.

The expenses of the Department the past year, owing to bills contracted the previous year, and the expense of the Rattan fire, caused your Engineers to ask the town for an extra appropriation of five hundred dollars.

Your Engineers believing it poor policy to be relying so much on our neighboring towns for help in case of a large fire, would recommend the purchasing of a steam fire engine.

The Board of Engineers would take this opportunity to thank the members of each of the companies for their promptness and the interest they have taken in the welfare of the Department, and also to thank the members of the Volunteer Fountain Engine Co., for the valuable service rendered at fires the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. EATON,
CHARLES H. DAVIS,
THOMAS HICKEY,
Engineers of the Fire Department.

POLICE REPORT.

For the year ending March 1, 1882.

Whole number of arrests,	57
Americans,	18
Foreigners,	39
Males,	52
Females,	5

Causes for which arrested:

For assault and battery,	16
burglary,	1
bastardy,	2
disturbing the peace,	7
default warrant,	1
drunkenness,	18
gambling,	1
larceny,	1
maintaining liquor nuisance,	8
trespass,	1
vagrancy,	1

Fifty-seven persons have been furnished with lodgings by the police during the year.

The night police have reported to me as follows:

Persons provided with lodgings,	57
Arrests made,	25
Called to suppress disturbances,	9

Lodgings found for strangers,	12
Persons assisted home,	9
Store doors found open,	19
Strayed teams cared for,	2
" horses " "	2

I would recommend the town to continue the night police; also that the town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a police officer to be on duty in the centre of the town on each Sabbath day, from nine o'clock A. M. to seven P. M., from April 1st to November 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. DAVIS,
Chief of Police.

FISH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The subject of the fisheries, theoretical, practical and alimentary, is so well understood by our people that a presentation of the sixth annual report seems almost superfluous. The migratory fish from the ocean ascended the river and passed into the lake at the usual time, and in larger numbers than have heretofore been noticed, and millions of the young fry were seen during the autumn passing down to Atlantic waters, thus fulfilling nature's great economic plan. The long-expected and notable event of the past season was the re-opening of Lake Quannapowitt; and after a close of four years the lake has yielded its increase; and the most sanguine expectations of those who inaugurated the movement have been fully realized. Fishing was allowed one-half day and one whole day in each week, under such regulations as your committee after a very careful consideration of the whole subject, submitted to the town for its sanction, which was fully approved by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries, and will be found at the close of this report.

The Committee are not aware that there have been any violations of the regulations established, but that all have endeavored to deal fairly and respect the rules, which were for the advantage of each and all.

There is some cause of complaint on account of the carelessness or thoughtlessness of those holding permits and failing to make returns. It is important that these should be handed in at the close of the season in time to render consolidated report to the State Commissioners. Your Com-

mittee can see no remedy for this state of affairs, save the witholding of permits another season from those who carelessly or wilfully refuse to comply with these reasonable and simple requirements. The State Commissioners in their letter to our honorable Board of Selectmen say: "You will, therefore, see that the omission to fulfil one of the most important conditions of your lease is a vital one, and if not complied with, will require the Commissioners in the discharge of their duty in accordance with the acts of 1869, Chap. 384, Art. 10, to take possession of the lake and re-lease the same."

Now, as a matter of fact, more than 700 permits were issued, only 272 have been returned, and these show a catch of 220 bass, 1,489 pickerel, 1,152 white perch, 10,412 red perch, 1,191 miscellaneous fish, making a total of 19,505 fish weighing 5,370 pounds, and 428 permits unreturned. Is it fair to suppose the unreturned permits represent half as many more fish taken? This is an open question on which you can estimate as well as the Committee. We hope that hereafter in the seasons to come, the true sportsman will make prompt and honest returns to the constituted authorities of the game he has taken. Regarding the land-locked salmon it has been reported to your Committee that two salmon were taken, weighing about 1-4 lb. each; one was put back alive, the other was injured so that it died. It is thought by some versed in pisciculture, that salmon, being a fish of slow growth, it is too soon to expect their maturity, and that in succeeding years numerous catches of this delicate fish will reward the patience and skill of the future angler.

The gentleman having the leather-sided carp in charge reports that they failed to re-appear last spring, and were all winter-killed. This was entirely on his own account and risk, and apart from any work of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL PARKER, Jr., } *Fish*
DENNIS DALY, } *Committee.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TO GOVERN FISHING IN LAKE QUANNAPOWITT, LEASED BY THE STATE TO THE TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

I. The inhabitants of the town of Wakefield shall have the right to fish in Lake Quannapowitt on Wednesday from sunrise until sunset, and on Saturday from twelve (12) o'cloek—noon—until sunset of each week, from the 1st of July to the first of November, after having first obtained from the Fish Committee of the town a permit for such fishing, containing name of applicant with date of issue, and signed by one or more of said Committee, and paying therefor the sum of twenty-five cents. Said permit shall not be transferable and shall expire at sunset on the last day of October of each year; and the holder thereof shall, on the first day of November make full returns to the Fish Committee of the number, species, and estimated weight of edible fish taken under the permit; and it shall be the duty of said Committee to keep accurate account of these permits and returns which shall be open to the inspection of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

II. The taking of land-locked salmon is prohibited until further notice. All salmon caught to be returned to the water *alive*, and all black bass, under one-half pound in weight, shall be returned to the water *alive*.

III. No trolling spoons, spinning baits or other appliances having more than one *hook*, and no set lines, nets, or traps of any description shall be allowed in said waters.

IV. The taking of fish shall be confined to naturally or artificially baited hook and line, and no one person shall fish with more than one hook and line at the same time.

V. No person shall take fish from said pond for the purpose of selling the same.

VI. No person shall be allowed to take more than ten pounds of fish in any one day.

VII. Any person *wilfully violating* any of these rules and regulations shall be liable for such violation under the laws of the Commonwealth, and any person failing to comply with these rules shall forfeit said permit and the right of renewal for a term not less than one year.

VIII. No permits—either in writing or otherwise—shall be granted by the Fish Committee to any person who is not known to be a "bona fide" inhabitant of the town of Wakefield.

IX. Nothing in these rules and regulations, or in any permit granted under the same, shall be construed as giving any rights which are not in conformity to law.

Approved March 17th, 1881.

E. A. BRACKETT,

Executive Officer, Board of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

REPORT

OF

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health elected for the year have to congratulate the town upon its exemption during the past twelve months from the outbreak or invasion of any epidemic or any noticeable prevalence of disease. The death-rate in the thousand is higher than it ought to be, but it is to be in part accounted for by the demise of several persons of advanced age. Small-pox, which was in the early part of the present winter, declared by the National Board of Health to be epidemic, and which has prevailed in several of the cities and large manufacturing towns in this State, with scattered cases in our own vicinity, has fortunately not visited us to date. The close proximity of its approach to us on three sides, the presence of a large manufacturing population in our midst, and our close communication with other cities made its presence in this town so probable an event that the Board felt itself not only warranted in taking, but bound to take, all necessary steps to isolate and care for any cases that might appear, and accordingly provided for hospital accommodations, nurses, etc., though fortunately without having to employ them and without expense to the town.

Although not deeming the danger of an epidemic such as to adopt the provisions of law, and to call upon the Board of Selectmen to issue the legal order for general vaccination, the Board considered it wise to publicly warn the town of

the existing dangers from small-pox, and to call attention to the Laws of the State and the Regulations of the Board, and to advise general vaccination and revaccination, through the local papers. There is reason to believe that this has received general attention, and that the community is very fairly protected by vaccination. The Board thinks it well in this connection to call the attention of the citizens to the requirements of law which provide that every child shall be vaccinated at two years of age, and that owners and superintendents of manufactories shall employ only those duly vaccinated.

The only contagious disease which has been duly notified to the Board and has received its attention, viz.: scarlet fever, has, in the cases reported, fortunately occurred in such exceptionally cautious, intelligent and public spirited families that the duties of the Board have been reduced to mere form, and made the responsibility of the Board a pleasure, instead of, as is often the case, a disagreeable and irksome duty. The prompt and cheerful co-operation of the wealthy and intelligent in measures taken by the health officer for the public protection when those measures restrict and control even their personal movements is the greatest aid that sound sanitary government can receive. The prompt request of the late Judge Colt of the Supreme Court to be taken to the small-pox hospital when seized with the disease, and his earnest compliance with every requirement of the health authorities, was such an aid as those authorities having the difficult and thankless work of health officials to perform, warmly appreciate.

The Board has been called to view and consider eight reported nuisances during the year, consisting of offensive slaughter-houses, improper drains, privy vaults and sewerage, but in no case has a resort to legal stress been requisite, the citizen in every case being quick to remedy the evil pointed out when such remedy was possible.

This latter statement leads to a matter brought before the

Board by a petition of many citizens praying that efficient measures might be taken to remove the unhealthy influences connected with the water course running from the pond in the grounds of Mr. James H. Carter, through the valley between Crescent street and Main street, to the pond near the Centre depot. Although undoubtedly the Board possesses the requisite authority under law to take such steps as it might deem best to remove any injurious influence upon health incident to this stream, it has been thought best to bring the matter before the town at its annual meeting with plans and estimates, and ask definite action.

The insufficient character of, or almost entire want of sewerage in our town, is beginning to assert itself. The soil of the centre part of the town being largely a stiff clay, the cellars of dwellings are with great difficulty drained, and there is but one public drain, that through the Main street, with which private drains can be connected. Into this one drain several drains conveying more or less excrementitious matter run, as the only channel the town has furnished for such removal; and this, originally small and poorly constructed for its present uses, must be rapidly closing up, while it presents certain undesirable conditions as regards health. That some consideration must soon be given this evil there can be no doubt. The Board while it congratulates the town upon its general good health during the past year, records its convictions that to secure its continuance a speedy and earnest consideration must be given to its sanitary problems. The total expenses of the Board for the year have been less than ten dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN PURINGTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. CATE,
AZEL AMES, Jr., *Sec'y*.
} *Board of Health.*

Wakefield, March 15, 1882.

REPORT

OF THE

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee chosen by the town at its last annual meeting to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated for the year commencing April, 1882, would respectfully present their report, viz. :

We would respectfully recommend that appropriations be made as follows, viz. :

For payment of Town Debt, . . .	$5,000 00
Interest upon Town Debt, . . .	4,500 00
Support of Schools, ...	13,000 00
School Contingent Fund, . . .	1,000 00
Poor Department, ...	4,000 00
Fire Department, ...	2,500 00
Expenses of Street Lamps, . . .	1,000 00
Town House Expenses, . . .	1,000 00
Highways and Bridges, (to include the amounts due surveyors of the past year),	4,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers, . . .	2,325 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, . . .	3,000 00
Amount carried forward, . .	$41,325 00

Amount brought forward, . . .	$41,325 00
Beebe Town Library, (the funds now in hands of Town Treasurer from Dog-tax) *and*	400 00
Repairs of sidewalks, to be expended where abutters are willing to bear one-half of such expenses, *and* for laying of street crossings, ...	1,000 00
Total, ...	$42,725 00

We recommend that the appropriation for Salaries of Town Officers be divided as follows, and that the salaries and expenses of officers, other than enumerated below, be charged as in previous years to the Appropriation for Miscellaneous expenses.

For Town Treasurer, ...	$50 00
Town Clerk, ...	100 00
Board of Selectmen, ...	400 00
" " Assessors, ...	400 00
" " Overseers of the Poor, . .	250 00
" " School Committee, . . .	250 00
" " Fire Engineers, . . .	75 00
" " Auditors, ...	100 00
Tax Collector, for collecting tax-warrant of 1882, ...	400 00
Constables and Police Service, . .	300 00
Total, ...	$2,325 00

In recommending an increase in the Salaries of the Board of School Committee, it is with the understanding that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board should receive the additional amount, viz. : $50 in equal shares.

We also recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1, 1882, be fixed at thirteen dollars and a sum equal to the poll tax.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. YOUNG,
LUCIUS BEEBE,
JAMES F. EMERSON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
JAMES OLIVER,
T. E. BALCH,
EVERETT HART,
E. E. OLIVER,
J. J. MANSFIELD,
A. W. BROWNELL,
H. H. SAVAGE,
AZEL AMES, Jr.,
T. J. SKINNER, *Sec'y.*

Wakefield, March 8th, 1882.

Mr. J. O. Blanchard, not having been present at the meetings of the Committee, does not sign the report.

STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1881.

No.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Date of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
1	John O'Connell	Male	January 8	Michael and Julia (Cotter)	Gate Tender.
2	Annie Florence	Female	12	Alfred and Amelia (Muse)	Polisher.
3	George Leon Pierce	Male	16	George H. and Eveline (McCurdy)	Dentist.
4	Bessie Lilian Philbrook	Female	19	Alvin S. and Ella Rose (Alley)	Laborer.
5	James Reardon	Male	23	Patrick and Mary (Whalen)	Laborer.
6	Stanley Blanchard Purdy	"	23	James E. and Carrie (Blanchard)	Salesman.
7	Daniel Wallace Shannahan	"	27	Daniel E. and Elizabeth A. (Wallace)	Laborer.
8	Frederic John Sullivan	"	27	Jeremiah and Hanorah (Healey)	Shoe-maker.
9	Bruce Crawford	"	29	William B. and Nellie (Roberts)	Engineer.
10	Mary Ann McCarthy	Female	February 4	Charles and Margaret (O'Reilley)	Laborer.
11	Nellie May Kenny	"	6	Henry and Mary A. (Donnelly)	Polisher.
12	Nellie Blythe	"	15	Francis and Ella (Lynch)	Basket-maker.
13	Catherine Cronin	"	20	James and Margaret (Doyle)	Weaver.
14	Merilla May Banks	"	25	James N. and Rose M. (Brown)	Chair-maker.
15	Helen May Kimball	"	March 3	George W. and Ella (Coleman)	Jeweller.
16	William Sullivan	Male	7	John and Mary (Welsh)	Painter.
17	Herbert Arthur Biggs	"	13	William and Mary (Armour)	Rope-maker.
18	Charles Franklin Pond	"	14	Charles F. and Lizzie R. (Dager)	Lithographer.
19	Mary Elizabeth DeRoach	Female	22	George and Mary T. (Kenney)	Chair-maker.
20	Charles Orne Bayrd	Male	23	Charles L. and Martha B. (Snow)	Musician.
21	Alvah Warren Hill	"	23	William H. and Nellie G. (Manning)	Cabinet-maker.
22	Katie Teresa Millerick	Female	April 5	James and Hannah (Traley)	Weaver.
23	Arthur Tuttle	Male	5	Charles R. and Mary L. (Schaffer)	Salesman.
24	Edward Sliney	"	6	Timothy and Mary (Ryan)	Weaver.
25	Annie Broughton	Female	9	John and Bridget (Hogan)	Laborer.
26	Kate Meloney	"	10	Michael and Mary (Nash)	Weaver.
27	Nellie Eveline Lamont	"	16	George Thomas and Lizzie M. Sterling)	Chair-maker.
28	Harry Newhall Sweetser	Male	15	Edward N. and Eugenie (Wheelock)	Shoe-maker.
29	Walter Herbert Carter	" black	22	James H. and Mary E. (McIntosh)	Minister.
30	Marion Hodges Tay	Female	30	William H. and Emily F. (Smith)	Book-keeper.
31	William Greaney	Male	May 3	Patrick and Margaret (Greaney)	Laborer.
32	Leroy Leonard Atherton	"	8	William S. and Sarah A. (Caldwell)	Grocer.
33	Fred Austin Childs	"	9	Austin P. and Harriet A. (Parker)	Farmer.
34	Maidia Cooper	Female	12	Reuben L. and Caroline A. (Tuck)	Supt. Ice Co.
35	Dennis Ahern	Male	16	John and Catherine (Connell)	Laborer.

36	Clifford Stanley Russell	Male			Joseph W. and Anna (Egan)	Cutler.
37	John W. McGrorey	"		22	John and Mary (Mead)	Laborer.
38	Frank Edwin Parks	"		26	Clarence A. and Helen S (French)	Lawyer.
39	Cornelius Francis O'Connor	"		27	Peter Clark and Mary (Horrigan)	Laborer.
40	Delano	Female		28	George B. and Jennie A. (Cobb)	Printer.
41	Ada Melton Perkins	"	June	3	Zenas C and Alice (Dayton)	Carpenter.
42	Charles H. Ryder	Male		7	Charles H. and Annie T. (Donahoe)	Moulder.
43	Erich Nichols Widdell	"		20	Emanuel and Julia (Larson)	Chair-maker.
44	Mary Alice Mead	Female		21	Daniel and Sarah J.	Laborer.
45	Louise Muse	"		22	Reuben and Katie (Dulong)	Laborer.
46	Ethel Alice Grace	"		25	James W. and Adelia J. (Littlefield)	Clerk.
47	George Tompson	Ma'e		25	George M. and Emma O. (Perkins)	Civil Engineer.
48	John Henry Keely	"		29	James H. and Eliza (Scully)	Cane-worker.
49	John Murphy	"	July	1	Patrick and Ellen (Sullivan)	Laborer.
50	Kate Maloney	Female		2	John and Maria (Maloney)	Laborer.
51	Margaret Maloney	"		2	John and Maria (Maloney)	Laborer.
52	Annie Maloney.	"		2	John and Maria (Maloney)	Laborer.
53	Richard Gardner Hartshorne	Male		2	Jacob C. and Ida L. (Coffin)	Bank-teller.
54	Lauren Leslie McMaster	"		4	Jonathan M. and Josephine (Meek'n)	Farmer.
55	Stephen Nickerson Mason	"		5	Willis S. and Laura A. (Bryant)	Book-keeper.
56	Richard Barrett	"		6	Richard and Margaret (Lynde)	Weaver.
57	Lizzie McMahon	Female		7	James and Hannah (McCarty)	Shoe-maker.
58	Arthur Garfield Abbott	Male		9	George and Charlotte E. (Newcomb)	Shoe-packer.
59	Ernest Porter Eldredge	"		12	Henry A. and Tabitha (Higgins)	Cane-worker.
60	William Downing	"		14	John and Julia (Barry)	Laborer.
61	Elizabeth Connelly	Female		14	Thomas and Elizabeth (McLaughlin)	Stove-fitter.
62	Mary Ann Coleman	"		16	William and Lizzie (McTigue)	Laborer.
63	Edward Callan	Male		21	John and Mary (Gibbons)	Weaver.
64	Margaret Anna Ryan	Female		22	Richard and Mary A. (Sullivan)	Chair-maker.
65	Theodore Winthrop Stone	Male	August	2	Orrin and Nellie M. (Cousins)	Moulder.
66	Francis Joseph McCormick	"		14	Francis J. and Mary (Collins)	Laborer.
67	Maud Macombie	Female		14	Calvin and Virginia A. (Nichols)	Wheelwright.
68	Mabel May Arnold	"		22	Virginius H. and Ella F. (Griffin)	Moulder.
69	Maggie Jane Darroch	"		24	John and Mary (McGlynn)	Clerk.
70	Henry Gratten Coakley	Male		28	Michael and Annie M. (Curran)	Laborer.
71	John McTigue	"		30	Robert and Mary (Downing)	Laborer.
72	Albert Rudolph Menz	"	Sept.	1	Gregory and Clara (Gerhard)	Pianoforte-maker.
73	Bessie Hawkes	Female		2	George and Mary (Moore)	Carpenter.
74	Maud Hanley	"		4	Thomas and Mary (Hennigar)	Laborer.
75	Carrie Lavinia Cameron	"		6	James and Matilda A. (Lenfest)	Teamster.
76	Marion Gertrude Measures	"		8	Alfred E. and Mary E. (Welsh)	Laster.
77	Eben Nichols	Male		9	Hannibal and Harriet R. (French)	Shoe-maker.
78	Kate Winifred White	Female		9	Joseph and Winifred (Scully)	Weaver.
79	Thomas Henry White	Male		10	Samuel and Jennie (Bushee)	Laborer.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1881 (Concluded).

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*	*Name of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
80	Alfred Alonzo Burnham	Male	Sept. 13	Wendell P. and Sarah D. (Saunders)	Mason.
81	Grace Annie Phinney	Female	18	Louis L. and Lilla M. (Morrill)	Ice Dealer.
82	Eunice Anabel Barret	"	19	Will A. and Emma W.	Grocer.
83	Fred Augustus Grinnell	Male	22	Edgar Leforest and Lucy J. (Shaw)	Teamster.
84	George Howard Stimpson	"	24	John F. and Lydia Parker (Emerson)	Brush-maker.
85	Florence Stockbridge	Female	25	Charles A. and Estella (Young)	Salesman.
86	Nellie Teresa Porter	"	26	Charles J. and Nellie T. (Larkin)	Basket-maker.
87	Edna Amory Clary	"	26	Richard and Laura H. (Summers)	Baker.
88	Mary O'Connell	"	27	Jeremiah and Margaret (Lynch)	Teamster.
89	Walter Edwin Scully	Male	28	Joseph M. and Mary (Mack)	Clerk.
90	Ethel Carleton Smith	Female	October 3	Elisha N. and Emma A. (Shaw)	Moulder.
91	Delia Annette Quigley	"	5	John and Letitia M. (Hodson)	Shoemaker.
92	Edward Church	Male	6	James E and Mary (Oulton)	Carpenter.
93	Athel Rinn	Female	11	Louis and Harriet (Forrman)	Painter.
94	Caroline Cecelia Regan	"	18	Timothy and Margaret (Gould)	Laborer.
95	Orliss Edgar Moulton	Male	19	William J. and Lizzie B. (Cowden)	Mason.
96	Winifred Devlin	Female	20	James and Annie (Comer	Tailor.
97	Gilman Clifford Sheldon	Male	31	Otis E. and Lois J. Smith	Grocer.
98	Donald Murray Houston	"	Nov. 8	Donald and Agnes (O'Brien)	Dyer.
99	Alice Brackett	Female	13	Warren and Dora	
100	Gertrude Isabella Smith	"	13	Taylor F. and Jennie H. (Blanchard)	Wholesale Wine Imp'r.
101	Jacob Marquis Simmons	Male	14	Hammond and Emma (Kaufmann)	Cigar-maker.
102	Thomas Froton	"	21	Jeremiah and Annie McCleary	Mason.
103	Mary O'Hare	Female	21	John and Mary (Forrest)	Laborer.
104	Bertha N. Butler	"	21	Francella [Burditt]	
105	Lilla Iola Hawkes	"	25	Joseph W. and Elizabeth [Howard]	Carpenter.
106	Maude Landers	"	26	John and Margaret [Welsh]	Laborer.
107	Ada Snowden Buzzell	"	26	Ruell and Caroline V. [Snowden]	Salesman.
108	Annie Kelley	"	27	John and Nellie [Brown]	Painter.
109	Louis Albert Doucett	Male	27	John M. and Fannie [Muse]	Mason.
110	Katie Cronan	Female	28	William and Mary [Coffin]	Mason.
111	Emma Ahlert	"	30	William and Elizabeth [Dacey]	Weaver.
112	William Keleher	Male	30	Timothy and Annie [Murphy]	Laborer.
113	Morris Tompson Mann	"	Dec. 2	Joseph H. and Emily A. [Barnes]	Lumber Merchant.
114	Charles Frederick Whitehead	"	4	Jeremiah and Catherine [Bryant]	Shoe-maker.
115	Morrison Merrill	"	8	George A. B. and Eliza J. [Peabody]	Merchant.

116	George D. H. Hicks	Male (black)	Dec.	13.	Thomas and Annie [Connell]	Coachman.
117	Luena Gammons	Female		14.	Herbert W. and Mary Ann [Armstrong]	Moulder.
118	Robert S. H. Irvine	Male		15.	Robert and Annie [Muir]	Weaver.
119	Anna Louise Low	Female		19.	John and Rosa [Gaffy]	Reporter.
120	——McPherson (Twins)	Male		20.	Samuel and Mary [Stewart]	Tailor.
121	——McPherson (Twins)	"		20.	Samuel and Mary [Stewart]	Tailor.

Births not Registered in 1880.

No.	*Name of Child.*	*Sex.*	*Date of Birth.*		*Names of Parents.*	*Occupation of Father.*
1	Mary Teresa Goodwin	Female	May	11.	Michael E. and Mary A.]Foley]	Carpenter.
2	Fannie Greye Bragg	"	July	10.	Lorenzo D. and Ella C. [Perkins]	Gentleman.
3	Louis Miller	Male	Nov.	28.	James and Emma [Wood]	Gardener.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1881.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents*	*What Marriage*	*By Whom Married.*
Jan. 1	Brown, Francis A.....	23	Wakefield	R.R. Conductor	Melrose..... ..	Jonas G. and Mary D	First	Edward R. Sanborn,
	Failey, Helen J.....	20	Lawrence		Waterloo, Ca....	Frank and Alice	"	Lawrence, Mass.
1	Morse, Everett A.....	26	Brentwood, NH	Farmer.....	Brentwood, N H.	Isaac G. and Watia.....	First	David N. Beach,
	True, Jennie A.....	34	Chester, N. H..		Chester, N.H....	William A. and Mary	"	Wakefield.
	Mahoney, Philip F....	27	Wakefield	Rattan-worker.	Lincolnville, Me.	James and Melissa	First	
	Miller, Annie M.....	26	Wakefield		Nova Scotia.		"	
16	Coleman, William.....	21	Wakefield	Rattan-worker.	Boston	Patrick and Mary.....	First	M. J. Flatley,
	McTigue, Elizabeth...	18	Wakefield.		Ireland	James and Eliza.....	"	Wakefield.
19	Huestis, George L.....	26	Wakefield	Laborer	Nova Scotia	James H. and Lavina.....	First	Alphonso C. Williams,
	Egan, Susan.....	22	Cambridge		Nova Scotia.	Daniel and Isabel	"	Cambridge.
20	Stimpson, John F.....	24	Reading	Brush-maker..	Wakefield	George W. and Martha A	First	William H. Morrison.
	Emerson, Lydia P.....	22	Wakefield		Wakefield	Howard and Hannah E	" ...	Wakefield.
23	Cronin, William.....	32	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	Jeremiah and Catherine....	First	M. F. Flatley,
	Loughlin, Mary.....	27	Wakefield		Ireland	James and Ellen.....	"	Wakefield.
Feb. 9	Clemens, John O.....	21	Wakefield	Brakeman.....	Wakefield	John H. and Almira J.....	First	D. N. Beach,
	Eustis, Nellie J.....	21	Wakefield		Wakefield	Henry W. and Martha W	"	Wakefield.
19	Grinnell, Edgar L.....	26	Wakefield	Teamster.....	Union, Me.....	John and Almira.....	First	Gilbert C. Osgood.
	Shaw, Lucy J.....	23	Wakefield		New Salem, Mass	Alfred and Celia.....	"	Wakefield.
20	Froton, Jeremiah.....	29	Wakefield	Laborer	Nova Scotia.....	Peter and Elizabeth.....	First	M. F. Flatley,
	McCleary, Honora.....	21	Wakefield		Boston	Thomas and Honora.....	"	Wakefield.
22	Merrill, George A. B..	37	Wakefield	Paper-dealer ..	Boston	Jacob S. and Harriet D.....	First	Amos Harris.
	Peabody, Eliza J	20	Arlington.		Salem.....	Silas and Augusta	"	Weston, Mass.

Mch. 5	Gould, Thomas	37	Wakefield	Shoe-maker	Wakefield	William and Louisa	First	Wm. H. Morrison, Wakefield.		
	Wiley, Almira	33	Wakefield		Wakefield	John and Elizabeth	"			
8	Russell, Seth H	37	Wakefield	Shoe maker	Lynnfield	Enoch and Nancy H	First	R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.		
	Wiley, Hattie F	29	Lynnfield		Lynnfield	Willard and Sarah R	"			
April 21	Rice, Asaph	51	Wakefield		Nova Scotia	Israel and Susan	Second	Henry Morgan, Boston.		
	Uderville, Sanford	32	Wakefield		Nova Scotia	Daniel and Aurelia	First			
April 14	Burrows, Marshall L	25	Wakefield	Currier	Boston	Isaac H. and Laura L	First	D. N. Beach, Wakefield.		
	Whittum, Lizzie C	20	Wakefield		Dorchester	George and Elizabeth C	"			
17	McGrory, John, Jr	23	Wakefield	Laborer	Wakefield	John and Ann	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.		
	Mead, Mary	24	Wakefield		Lynnfield	James and Bridget	"			
24	O'Connell, Charles J	25	Wakefield	Laborer	Ireland	John and Julia	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.		
	Welsh, Julia B	22	Wakefield		Ireland	Richard and Margaret	"			
May 3	Welsh, John E	26	Lawrence	Laborer	England	Patrick and Margaret	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.		
	Comer, Elizabeth	22	Wakefield		Ireland	Edward and Winifred	"			
April 28	Sampson, Henry A	27	Cape Breton	Mariner	Cape Breton	Fabian and Virginia	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.		
	DeRoach, Mary Ann	26	Wakefield		Cape Breton	Alex and Ann	"			
May 7	Boyce, Cecil Thomas	39	Wakefield	Tinsmith	Scotland	William and Elizabeth	First	R. R. Riddell, Wakefield.		
	Eagan, Emma I	38	Wakefield		England	Michael and Susan	"			
25	Macombie, Calvin	23	Malden	Wheelwright	St. John's N.B.	Joseph R. and Mary A	First	John W. Pettingill, J.P., Wakefield.		
	Nichols, Virginia A	18	Wakefield		South Boston	Alexander and Lucy A	"			
27	Reed, William B	44	Reading	Mechanic	Wakefield	Luther and Lois	Second	William H. Morrison, Wakefield.		
	Nichols, Marga't Wood	37	Reading		New York City	James and Marcella	"			
28	Dexter, George B	29	Wakefield	Carriage-maker	Boston	George and Martha	First	D. N. Beach, Wakefield.		
	Bickford, Nellie F	20	Wakefield		Wakefield	Charles F. and Nancy	"			
June 5	Devine, Lawrence H	22	Wakefield	Rattan-worker	Boston	Patrick and Mary	First	Vincent F. Borgialleu, Peabody.		
	Gannin, Sarah J. F	22	Peabody		Peabody	John and Ann	"			
1	Hickey, James A	27	Wakefield	Car-Inspector	Lyndon, Vt	John and Mary	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.		
	Ryan, Sarah A	22	Wakefield		Wakefield	James and Mary	"			

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield 1881.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage*	*By whom married.*
June 2	Kingman, William W.	49	Wakefield	Cordwainer	Wakefield	Samuel and Sarah R	Second	Samuel Bowker,
	Colburn, Marietta	35	Dracut		Dracut	Joshua and Hannah	"	Dracut.
18	White, Joseph J	24	Wakefield	Laborer.	Boston	William A. and Rosanna	First	M. F. Flatley,
	Scully, Winifred	27	Wakefield		Ireland	John and Catherine	"	Wakefield.
22	Webber, Edgar E	21	Wakefield	Laborer.	South Acton	Gilbert and Sarah H	First	William Butler,
	Hughes, Kate	23	Wakefield		Saugus	John and Mary	"	Melrose.
25	Butler, Edmund	23	Wakefield	Laborer.	Ireland	Edmund and Margaret	First	M. F. Flatley,
	McGreal, Catherine	20	Wakefield		Ireland	Dominick and Catherine	"	Wakefield.
29	Orr, John L	20	Wakefield	Chair-maker	Iowa	David F. and Nancy	First	William H. Morrison,
	Zeh, Jennie W	20	Wakefield		Covington, Ky	Frederic and Eva	"	Wakefield.
July 2	Colburn, Lionel L	24	Wakefield	Moulder	Brookline, N.H.	Irvine and Melissa	First	E. A. Manning,
	Reed, Mattie J	26	Wakefield		Wentworth, N S.	Samuel and Margaret	"	Wakefield.
4	Butts, Charles E	30	Chelsea	Stove-mounter.	East Boston	Edwin and Susan M	Second	E. A. Manning.
	Kimball, Mattie A	30	Chelsea		Portland, Me	Phineas and Hannah	"	Wakefield.
7	Stowell, Oscar L	25	Wakefield	Clerk	Wakefield	Issachar and Mary E	First	Raymond F. Holway,
	Newhall, Mary C	26	Lynn		Lynnfield	Hiram L. and Jane E	"	Lynn.
11	Coombs, Charles L	22	Wakefield	Shoe-maker	Wakefield	Thomas W. and Martha K	First	J. G. Taylor,
	Littlefield, M. Adelaid	19	Melrose		Charlestown	J. Owen and Mary E	"	Melrose.
12	Richardson, Chas. H	28	Lynn	Farmer	Plymouth	Joseph E. and Sarah F	First	W. H. Morrison,
	Tibbetts, Mattie A	27	Wakefield		Chelsea	Edwin and Martha	"	Wakefield.
17	Kelly, Jeremiah	24	Goffs Falls	Mill Operator	Minnesota	Daniel and Ellen	First	M. F. Flatley,
	Hay, Isabella W	25	Wakefield		Weymouth	James and Hannah	"	Wakefield.

July 24	Malonson, F oring	23	Wakefield	Chair-maker	New Brunswick	John and Nannette	First	M. F. Flatley,		
	Burke, Julia	23	Wakefield		Cocargne, N. B.	Paul and Emily	"	Wakefield.		
July 31	Newman, William J	23	Wakefield	Shoemaker	Ireland	Thomas and Mary	Second	M. F. Flatley,		
	O'Brien, Margaret A	23	Wakefield		Ireland	William and Mary	First	Wakefield.		
Aug. 20	Eaton, James	42	Dorchester	Laborer	Ireland	Patrick and Mary	Second	M. F. Flatley,		
	Head, Julia	40	Wakefield		Ireland	Patrick and Hanora	First	Wakefield.		
17	Mears, Charles F	22	Reading	Brushmaker	Reading	Charles F. and Carrie	First	R. R. Riddell,		
	Batchelder, Annie L	21	Wakefield		Wakefield	Jerry S. and L. Rebecca	"	Wakefield.		
Sept. 4	McTigue Michael J	26	Wakefield	Gardener	Ireland	John and Eliza	First	M. F. Flatley,		
	Cullen, Annie	17	Wakefield		Ireland	Patrick	"	Wakefield.		
11	Sullivan Charles	26	Wakefield	Currier	Lowell	John and Eliza	First	M. F. Flatley,		
	Welsh, Margaret E	22	Wakefield		Wakefield	Patrick and Ellen	"	Wakefield.		
15	Eaton, Frank W	24	Newburyport	Hatter	Deer Isle, Me	William P. and Ann B.	First	David N. Beach,		
	Byers, Helen	26	Wakefield		New Annan, N.S.	Robert and Isabella	"	Wakefield.		
24	Carey, George W	22	Wakefield	Tram Reporter	Wakefield	Daniel and Elizabeth	First	John G. Taylor,		
	Wyman, Lizzie A	20	Melrose		Melrose	George and Mary	"	Melrose.		
22	Goodwin, Albert G	23	Wakefield	Shipping Clerk	Boston	Albert E. and Emeline L.	First	Joseph H. Mansfield,		
	Gorham, Mary E	19	Wakefield		Wakefield	Charles and Lois	"	Boston.		
25	Lavigne, Alexis R Jr.	23	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Telegraph-lineman	Lowell	Alexis R. and Esther	First	M. F. Flatley,		
	McCleary, Emma J	22	Wakefield		Wakefield	John and Joanna	"	Wakefield.		
Oct. 2	Barnes, Charles S	53	Wakefield	Stone-cutter	Nashua, N. H.	Asa and Isabel	Third	James K. Ewer.		
	Perkins, Lucelia Edmands	51	Wakefield		Saugus	William and Ruth	Second	Reading.		
6	Rowell, William S	34	Wakefield	Shoe-cutter	Newton, N. H.	George S. and Mary E	First	E. A. Manning,		
	Harnden, Addie	23	Wakefield		Stoneham	James and Delia	"	Wakefield.		
5	Taylor, Warren	30	Wakefield	Machinist	Boston	William H and Rosanna	First	E. A. Manning,		
	Lewis Hattie A	30	Wakefield		Andover	Horace and Caroline	"	Wakefield.		
11	Hancock, Forest E	30	Malden	Stenographer	Manchester, N.H.	Albert and Sarah G	First	W. H. Morrison,		
	Royal, Mary A	23	Wakefield		Charlestown	Dudley C. and Anna H	"	Wakefield.		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1881.

Date of Marriage	*NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.*	*Age.*	*Residence of each at Time of Marriage.*	*Occupation of Groom.*	*Place of Birth.*	*Names of Parents.*	*What Marriage.*	*By whom Married.*
Oct. 10	Willis Joseph B.	37	Wakefield	Merchant	Exeter, N. H	Joseph and Elizabeth	Second	Henry G. Safford, Framingham.
	Long, Susan E.	26	Salisbury, Mass		Salisbury, Mass.	William L. and Elizabeth	First	
Oct. 12	Brown, James W. S.	25	Wakefield	Hostler	Lynnfield	James L. and Julia A.	First	E. A. Manning, Wakefield.
	Nickerson, Lizzie A.	25	"		Wakefield	Franklin and Sarah E.	"	
13	Foley, John P.	29	Warren	Machinist	Ireland	Patrick and Ellen	First	W. R. Morrison, Wakefield.
	Minnehan, Mary A.	21	"		Pawtucket, R. I.	Daniel and Julia	"	
15	Allen, George G.	26	Boston	Stenographer	Bridgeport, O.	David and Ann S	First	R. R Riddell, Wakefield.
	Andrews, Nancy L.	28	Wakefield		Freedom, N. H.	Jonathan and Eliza C.	"	
30	Smith Joseph	23	Wakefield	Inspector	Nova Scotia	Luke and Jane	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Lefeve, Lizzie	19	"		"	Maximine and Mary	"	
23	Cuff, Richard J	26	Wakefield	Chair-maker	Wakefield	John and Bridget	First	T. Gleason, Malden.
	Coggin, Mary E.	24	Medford		Medford	William and Catherine	"	
Nov. 1	Farrell, George O.	38	London, Ca.	Musician.	Ireland	James and Mary	First	Samuel Hodgkiss, Wakefield.
	Ayscough, Alice	20	Wakefield		London, Eng.	George and Jane	"	
10	Place, Charles A.	28	Wakefield	Druggist	Walpole, Mass.	George H. and Maria L	First	Arthur M. Backus, East Walpole.
	Place, Mary H.	29	Walpole		Portsmouth, Va.	Charles W. and Adelia C.	"	
23	Swain, Frank A.	25	Chelsea	Provision De'lr	Arlington, Mass.	Benjamin D. and Emily	First	Silas P. Cook, Chelsea.
	Burbank, Emma E.	26	Wakefield		Meredith, N. H.	Charles and Sarah	"	
Nov. 20	McCleary, John	22	Wakefield	Weaver	Boston	Thomas and Honora	First	M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Brennan, Julia	19	"		Watertown	Dennis and Mary	"	
17	Kelly, John E.	26	Wakefield	Laborer	Wrentham	John and Mary	First	P. J. Daley, Boston.
	Cassidy, Kate	26	Boston		Ireland	Patrick and Mary	"	

Nov. 22	Hemenway, John N...	37	Wakefield.....	Currier.....	New Salem, Mass	William and Mary.....	First	W. H. Morrison,		
	Williams, Annie M. [Neal	35	"		Bangor, Me.....	William and Cordelia.....	Second ..	Wakefield.		
23	Winter, Frank.....	23	Wakefield,.....	Farmer.	Yarmouth, N. S .	William and Abbie.....	First	E. A. Manning,		
	Whitehouse, Mercy A'n	19	"		"	Thomas and Matilda.....	"	Wakefield.		
24	Robbins, D. Howard..	34	Wakefield.....	Shoe-cutter....	Wakefield.....	Dexter E and Mary J.....	First	Thomas A. Emerson,		
	Harnden, Lizzie.....	23	"		Stoneham.....	James and Delia.....	"	Wakefield,		
Dec. 1	Walton, Arthur Gould.	26	Wakefield.....	Clerk	Boston.....	Daniel G. and E Jeanette.....	First	David N. Beach.		
	Bartlett, Mary Ellen...	21	"		Andover.....	Nathaniel J and Ellen M	"	Wakefield.		
14	Sweetser, Lilley A.....	28	Woburn.....	Provision De'lr	Woburn.....	Samuel C. and Mary E.....	First	W. H. Ryder,		
	Adams, Emma A.....	22	Wakefield.....		Wakefield.....	Joseph W. and Mary E.....	"	Malden.		
11	Guinon, Patrick.....	29	Wakefield.....	Laborer.....	Ireland	Thomas and Margaret.....	Second ..	M. F. Flatley,		
	McKee, Eliza Jane....	21	"		"	John and Martha	First	Wakefield.		
19	Odiorne, Levi L.....	35	Wakefield.....	Mariner.....	Boston.....	Samuel M. and Clarissa A	First	Samuel Hodgkiss.		
	Dager, Ella M.....	30	"		Wakefield.....	Haley F. and Mary A	"	Wakefield.		
21	Clothey, George H.....	24	Wakefield.....	Druggist.....	Marblehead.....	Thomas and Adeline.....	First	David N. Beach,		
	Linnell, M. Lizzie.....	24	"		Carmel, Me.....	Edward S. and Hannah C.....	"	Wakefield.		
25	Courtenach, John.....	22	Wakefie'd.....	Stone-layer ...	Plattsburg, N. Y.	John and Emma.....	First	M. F. Flatley,		
	Muse, Maria.....	17	"		Yarmouth, N. S..	Joseph and Margaret	"	Wakefield.		
27	Chamberlain, Sam. W.	49	Stoneham... ..	Man'f'r of Ma-	Rochester, N. H.	Moses and Nancy.....	Second ..	Joseph B. Seabury,		
	Elderkin, Georgie A. [Manning.	42	Wakefield.....	[chinery	Machias, Me	William H. and Ann G.....	" ..	Lowell,		
28	Preston, William P...	28	Wakefield.....	Book-keeper ..	Lynnfield.....	Benjamin U. and Martha E.....	First	David N. Beach.		
	Currier, Emma E.....	22	"		Wakefield	Alonzo A. and Mary E.....	"	Wakefield.		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1881.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased*	*Yrs*	*Mos*	*Dys*	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Jan. 24	Ruggles, Henry	1	11	4	Male		Wakefield	Henry S and Mary E	Diphtheria.
Feb. 3	Haskell, Frank	17	1	5	"		New York City	Leonidas and Sarah E	"
4	Bowman, Benjamin P	63	8	0	Widower	Lantern manuf'r	Boston	John and Jane	Paralysis.
5	Blanchard, Laura E	4	3	22	Female		Wakefield	Samuel O. and Mary S	Diphtheria.
7	Emmet, Evelyn	2	3	11	"		Saugus	Joseph and Clara	"
8	Welsh, Thomas J	1	11	26	Male		Wakefield	Bartholomew and Cather-	Meningitis.
11	Cassidy, Louis	0	9	15	"		"	Henry L. and Mary [ine	Bronchitis.
12	Jensen, Conway	0	1	28	"		"	Conrad and Ella G	Cholera Infantum.
18	Hawkins, Grace L	1	8	0	Female		Canada	Joseph and Margaret	Consumption.
25	White, John Fred	0	3	9	Male, illeg'me		Wakefield	Clara White	Marasmus.
March 10	De Roach, William H	0	0	1	Male		"	Henry and Kate	Asphyxia.
11	Gamage, Harriet A	85	0	0	Single		New York City	John	Old Age.
12	Eaton, Lorinda (Gardner)	53	0	0	Married		Rose, N. Y	Ansel and Lucinda	Consumption.
16	Blanchard, Annie	6	7	0			Wilmington	Samuel O and Mary S	Diphtheria.
16	Faunce, Hulda H. (Doane)	43	2	9	Married		Wellfleet, Mass	J E. and Laura A	Consumption.
19	Pope, ———	0	0	0	Male		Wakefield	Henry W. and Hattie E	Still born.
19	Coombs, Abner C	29	6	2	Married	Book-binder	So. Boston	John and Mary A	Consumption.
2	Locke, Susan G. (Berry)	48	4	2	"		Bridgton, Me	Albert G. and Eunice	"
21	Snow, Alfred	0	0	0	Male		Wakefield	Sydney and Mary	Still-born.
21	West, Thomas E	41	10	22	Single		Charlestown	Thomas Y. and Louisa	Bronchial Consumption.
24	Kendall, James	0	0	0			Wakefield	George E and Abbie A	Premature Birth.
26	Lally, Catharine A	1	10	3			"	Thomas and Ann	Peritonitis.
26	De Roach, George	1	11	0			"	Henry and Kate	Diphtheria.
28	Clay, Henry	55	0	0	Married	Wood-dealer	Stoneham	Levi McIntire	Heart Disease.
31	Irving, James W	0	3	10			Wakefield	Robert and Annie	Congestion of Lungs.
April 1	Hawkes, Albert	47	2	11	Married	Shoemaker	"	Davis W. and Lucretia	Asthma.
3	Scanlon, Cornelius	74	0	0		Laborer	Ireland	Cornelius and Bridget	Heart Disease.
7	Gammons, Warren H	3	6	29			Wakefield	Herbert W. and Mary A	Membraneous Croup.
8	White, Nancy (Eaton)	84	0	0	Widow		Woburn	Joseph and Ruhamah	Old Age.
10	Hawkes, Electa B. (Eames)	72	9	18	"		Wilmington	Caleb and Elizabeth	Cancer.
10	Derby, Lydia A	32	0	15	Single		Wakefield	Barnard and Lydia J	Consumption.
14	Green, Harris W	19	9	0	"	Rattan Worker	Lisbon, Me	William C. and Nancy J	Elevator accident.
16	Daniel, James H	1	6	23			Wakefield	William B and Margaret J	Diphtheria.
17	Coffin, Nathaniel R	66	10	12	Married	Merchant	Alton Bay, N.H	Jonathan T and	Apoplexy.
17	Stimpson, Sarah (Aborn)	75	8	3	Widow		Lynnfield	Aaron and Rhoda	Heart Disease.
21	Hartshorne, Mary W	90	6	4	"		Woburn	Jeremiah and Mehitable	Congestion of Lungs.
22	Fisher, Waldo Everett	3	3	22			West Peabody	Arthur V. and Abby M	Membraneous Croup.
23	Adams, Annie E. (Dennett)	49	9	0	Married		Portsmouth, N.H.	Ephraim and Abigail	Pneumonia.
May 1	Donnelly, John	51	10	6	"	Shoemaker	Ireland	John and Margaret	"

May	3	Evans, Lucius Bolles	61	4	12	Widower	Shoe manufact'r.	Wakefield	Thomas and Phebe	Heart Disease.	
	19	Weston Porter	77	0	3	Married	Shoe-maker	Reading	William and Ennice	Apoplexy.	
	22	Smith, Mary Jane	6	3	21			Wakefield	Thomas and Julia	Diphtheria.	
	24	Pratt, Sarah H. J. (Johnson)	70	0	0	Widow		Charlestown	John and Eliza	Cerebral Hemorrhage.	
	25	Deming, Frank D.	38	10	23	Married	Foreman Rattan [Factory	Cornish, N. H.	Stephen B. and Nancy A.		
	25	Johnson, Marian Grace	1	0	1			Wakefield	James and Catherine	Pneumonia.	
June	3	McGrorey, John W.	0	0	8			"	John and Mary		
	6	Coffey, Agnes	7	2	28			Ireland	John B. and Bridget A	Rheumatism of Heart.	
	11	Kellaher, Catherine (Welch)	65	0	0	Widow		"	William and Julia	Softening of the Brain.	
	1	Carter, Louisa S.	7	3	22			Wakefield	Edwin S. and Eunice		
	18	Lewis, Horace	63	11	9	Married	Farmer	New Boston, N H	Amasa and Polly	Strangulated Hernia.	
	25	Hubbard, Lucy (Norcross)	71	2	16	"		Rindge, N. H	Daniel and Mary	Softening of the Brain.	
July	7	Purdy, Fannie G. (Whitten)	53	2	6	Widow		Bloomfield, Me.	Moses and Phebe	Chronic Bronchitis.	
	7	Remond, Charles Lenox	20	7	0	Single, black	Student	Salem	Chas. L. and Elizabeth M.	Intussusception.	
	9	Murphy, John	0	0	9			Wakefield	Patrick and Ellen O.	Spina Bifida.	
	10	Crosby, Louisa R (Rockwood)	60	0	18	Married		Holliston	Calvin and Lois	Pulmonary Consumption	
	16	Lally, James	0	7	12			Wakefield	Thomas and Ann	Cholera Infantum.	
	24	Kirk, Lawrence H.	3	9	24			"	John and Jennie E.	Diphtheria.	
	26	Maloney Annie	0	0	24			"	John and Maria		
	29	Crawford, Harry W.	8	7	0			"	William B. and Nelly	Dysentery.	
	30	Wiley, Mary S (Smith)	78	11	14	Widow		"	Noah and Mary	Heart Disease.	
	31	Maloney, Margaret	0	0	29			"	John and Maria		
Aug.	2	Bryant, Erminia D.	2	10	16			Stoneham	Loton W. and Maria L.	Scarlatina.	
	2	Crawford, Hester E.	4	11	26			Wakefield	William B. and Nelly	Dysentery.	
	2	Ahern, Dennis	0	3	16			"	John and Catherine		
	5	Rosson, John H.	0	9	15			"	Charles P. and Emma	Cholera Infantum.	
	6	Crawford, Bruce	0	6	8			"	William B. and Nelly	Dysentery.	
	11	Nichols, Daniel	75	1	0	Widower		Washington, N.H	Ebenezer and Elizabeth	Peritonitis.	
	13	Cumming, George	20	2	13	Single		Aberdeen, Scotl'd	John and Christina	Accident.	
	14	Millard, Joseph E.	0	8	0			Wakefield	James T. and Adeline	Cholera Infantum.	
	15	Maloney, Kate	0	1	14			"	John and Maria	Cholera Infantum.	
	16	Eager, Lizzie	10	7	16			"	John and Mary	Diphtheria.	
	16	Smith, Bernard	67	0	0	Married		Ireland	Thomas and Margaret	Dysentery.	
	19	O'Connell, Julia (Greaney)	85	0	0	Widow		"	Patrick and Catherine	Gastritis	
	24	Maynard, Mabel Grant	0	7	9			Cambridge	J. Frank and Mabel	Meningitis.	
	25	Ryder, Charles H.	0	2	5			Wakefield	Charles H. and Annie T.	Cholera Infantum.	
	28	Mulligan, Katie	4	7	0			"	Thomas and Margaret	Diphtheria.	
	30	Murphy, Ellen	20	3	0	Single		Ireland	Daniel and Margaret	Dysentery.	
	31	Cann Mary F.	0	0	0			Wakefield	John H. and Mary F.	Still-born.	
	31	Mulligan, Jeremiah	2	5	30			"	Thomas and Margaret	Diphtheria.	
Sept.	2	Mead, Mary Alice	0	2	12			"	David and Sarah J.	Meningitis.	
	3	Surete, Annie Rose	1	9	20			Yarmouth, N. S.	Martin and Elizabeth	Consumption.	
	3	Hurley, Wm. N.	19	0	0	Single		Kingston	Michael and Ann	Consumption.	
	5	McMahon, Lizzie	0	2	0			Wakefield	James and Hannah	Debility.	
	8	McWhirter, Charles E.	21	9	0	Single	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Alexander and Sarah	Consumption.	
	11	Sweetser, Harry Newhall	0	4	27			Wakefield	Edward M. and Eugenie	Dentition.	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1881.

Date of Death.	*Name of Deceased.*	*Age.* Yrs	Mos	Dys	*Condition.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*	*Names of Parents.*	*Disease or Cause of Death.*
Sept. 13	Downey, John J.	4	4	28			Wakefield	John and Julia	Diphtheria.
13	Doucette, Mary E.	1	0	3			Stoneham	John S. and Margaret	Dysentery.
15	Mulligan, Julia	8	0	4			Wakefield	Thomas and Margaret	Diphtheria.
17	Eldridge, Ernest P	0	2	1			"	Henry A. and Sarah B.	
19	Whalen, Mary Ann (Farley)	47	10	0	Married		Ireland		Phthisis.
20	Evans, Sabrina W. (Wilson)	71	11	11	"	House-wife	Lynn	Daniel and Nancy	Consumption.
24	Nickerson, Harrie R.	5	11	19			Wakefield	Solomon H. and Mary W.	Diphtheria.
26	Barrett, Eunice Anabel	0	0	7			"	Will A. and Emma W.	Umbilical Hemorrhage.
Oct. 2	Donahoe, John	3	1	23			"	Martin and Maria	Diphtheria.
3	Pratt, Mabel Johnson	0	0	1			"	John J. and Ida A.	Premature Birth.
8	Macombie, Maud	0	1	6			"	Calvin and Virginia A.	Debility.
8	Deshon, Daniel	54	0	3	Married		Biddeford, Me.	Daniel and Eunice	Embolism of Heart.
10	Shannahan Edward A.	5	7	0			Wakefield	Daniel and Elizabeth	Diphtheria.
11	Quigley, Delia E.	0	0	3			"	John and Lucretia	
14	Oliver, Daniel S.	72	11	1	Married		Saugus	Daniel S. and Susanna	Ossification of Heart.
27	Hall, Jerusha H (Pratt)	76	10	19	Widow		Chesterville, Me.		Cancerous Humor.
28	White, Thomas H.	0	2	0			Wakefield	Samuel and Jane	Debility.
Nov. 2	Roscoe, Laura J. (Jackson)	53	0	0	Married		Portland, Me.	William	Congestion of the Lungs.
3	Pope, George E.	3	1	7			Wakefield	H. Warren and Hattie E.	Congestion of the Brain.
23	Welsh, Martin	55	0	0	Married		Ireland	Thomas and Margaret	Asthma.
25	Sweetser, Mary E. (Edmands)	85	9	9	Widow		Melrose	John and Sarah	
26	Holden, Frederic	3	7	0			Lexington	Michael and Mary	Diphtheria.
29	Preston, B. Frank	30	6	6	Married	Ice Dealer	Lynnfield	Benjamin U. and Martha E	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
29	Brackett, Alice	0	0	16			Wakefield	Warren and Dora	
Dec. 2	Kellaher, Jeremiah	5	5	3				Timothy and Hanora	Diphtheria.
2	Prentiss, Annie M. (Roberts)	24	10	14	Married		Danvers	Oliver and Ruth	Cerebral Neuralgia.
4	Flanders, Levi	75	5	2	"		Plaistow, N. H.	David and Hannah	Cancer of Stomach.
5	Floyd, Stephen	76	0	23	"	Shoe-cutter	Salem	Stephen and Sally	Apoplexy.
7	Butler, Bertha N.	0	0	17	Illegitimate		Wakefield	Francella	Congestion of Brain.
10	Pettiner, Daniel C.	26	10	2	Married		New York City	William H. and Jane E.	Consumption.
24	Evans, Asaph	75	6	20	"	Farmer	Peterboro, N. H.	Asaph and Rhoda	Dropsy and Congestion [of Brain and Chest.
27	Cavanah, Isabella	38	0	0	Single		Ireland	James and Mary	
31	Upton, Anna R.	47	6	11	"		Lynnfield	Edward and Betsey	Cancer.
31	Coffey, ——	0	0	0	Female		Wakefield	John V. and Bridget A.	Still-born.

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1881,	
Males,	63
Females,	58

Nativity of Parents.	*Fathers.*	*Mothers.*
Born in Wakefield,	13	9
" other towns of the United States,	46	46
" British Provinces,	15	16
" Ireland,	34	38
" England,	2	6
" Scotland,	4	1
" Sweden,	1	1
" Germany,	4	2
" Prussia,	1	
" East Indies,		1
" Unknown,	1	

Marriages registered in 1881,	72

Nativity.	*Grooms.*	*Brides.*
Born in Wakefield,	11	13
" other towns in United States,	42	34
" British Provinces,	8	11
" Ireland,	9	11
" England,	1	2
" Scotland,	1	
" Unknown,		1
Total,	72	72
First marriage,	62	66
Second "	9	6
Third "	1	0
No. under 20 years of age,	0	8
between 20 and 30,	52	51
30 and 40,	14	10
40 and 50,	4	2
50 and 60,	2	1

Deaths registered in 1881,	119
Males,	63
Females,	56
Average age, 26 years 2 months, 25 days.	
Number under 5 years of age,	50
" between 5 and 10,	9
" " 10 and 20,	4
" " 20 and 30,	7
" " 30 and 40,	4
" " 40 and 50,	7
" " 50 and 60,	7
" " 60 and 70,	7
" " 70 and 80,	14
" " 80 and 90,	4
" " 90 and 100,	1
Still Born,	5
Total,	119

Nativity of persons deceased.

Born in Wakefield,	59
" other towns of United States,	46
" British Provinces,	3
" Ireland,	10
" Scotland,	1
Total,	119
Number of dogs licensed in 1881,	133
Males,	124
Females,	9
Cash paid County Treasurer,	$266 40

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE,
Town Clerk.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wakefield:

Said a prominent teacher and parent not long since in conversation upon school matters, "I never ask my boy when he comes home at night, 'what have you learned to-day,' but 'how much of a man have you become?'"

Thus, in a single sentence, were seen in sharp contrast some of the gravest questions which any person connected with our public schools in a directory capacity is called upon to meet and determine. For what are our public schools established, what is their ultimate end or purpose; the purpose determined, are there any well grounded principles by which we can be safely guided in attempting to gain the end or execute the purpose; shall the schools be devoted to educating the mind solely and leave the moral faculties to the influence of home training; shall the dominant purpose of the school be to develop a moral character, irrespective of mental capacity; shall the attempt be made to combine the two; if *yes*, what portion of time and attention shall be given to each, and what methods shall be adopted to compass the end?

These and kindred questions meet teacher and committee at every turn, at morning, noon and night. They come from the theorist without experience and from the practical man without theory; from scholars and parents in numberless forms; from town meeting orator and politician; from the passing daily, the dignified weekly and the more pretentious essay. They are questions of the gravest character; they deal with the subtleties of the human mind; they affect the

happiness of the individual and the welfare of the State, and they should be met in a broad and catholic spirit, free from prejudice and preconcerted notions, in a spirit ready to find and adopt the new in theory and practice, when it is an improvement in purpose or method, and in a spirit equally ready to cling to the old when best, even at the risk of being decried as members of the fossiliferous age. In dealing with the great trust which you have committed to us, we have endeavored to bear in mind always that the schools over which you have placed us are public, not private; established for all the children of all the parents in the town, not designed for the special benefit of the few, for the accommodation of any particular race, class, color or nationality; not to train a few in any particular line of study, thought, or even of accomplishment, but for the immediate mental and moral development of the body scholastic, and the ultimate benefit of the Commonwealth. We have endeavored to bear in mind, too, that our schools are of civil origin, and are to be kept strictly free from any and all forms of sectarianism or religious intolerance; that children of parents belonging to one denomination have all the rights and privileges and are subject to all the liabilities, restrictions and corrections of a scholar whose parents belong to any other denomination; that no person shall be excluded from a participation in school duties, as teacher or other officer, on account of religious belief, and that the inalienable equal rights of all under our supervision, should be respected and protected.

In determining the question of the purpose of our public schools we are aided by going at once to the source of power, the Constitution of the Commonwealth and the laws enacted under it. That chapter of the Constitution which has stood the test of generations, and which is the touch-stone to which every question concerning the relations of literature, science and art to the State has to be brought, declares that "wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people being necessary for the

preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend upon spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates in all future periods of this Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences and all seminaries of them, especially the University at Cambridge, public schools and grammar schools in the towns; to encourage private societies and public institutions, rewards and immunities, for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures and a natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings, sincerity, good humor, and all social affections, and generous sentiments among the people."

And the laws now in force in relation to this subject may be found in the public statutes of the Commonwealth in these words:

Chap. 44, Sec. 1. "In every town there shall be kept for at least six months in each year at the expense of said town by a teacher or teachers of competent ability and good morals, a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all the children who may legally attend public school therein, in orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, the history of the United States and good behavior. Algebra, vocal music, agriculture, sewing, physiology and hygiene, shall be taught by lectures or otherwise in all the public schools in which the School Committee deem it expedient.

Sec. 2. Every town may and every town containing five hundred families or householders, according to the latest public census taken by the authority either of the Commonwealth or of the United States shall, besides the schools described in the preceding section, maintain a high school, to be kept by a master of competent ability and good morals,

who, in addition to the branches of learning before mentioned, shall give instruction in general history, book-keeping, surveying, geometry, natural philosophy, chemistry, botany, the civil polity of this Commonwealth and of the United States and the Latin language. Such high school shall be kept for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town ten months at least, exclusive of vacations, in each year, and at such convenient place or alternately at such places in the town as the legal voters at their annual meeting determine. And in every town containing four thousand inhabitants the teacher or teachers of the schools required by this section shall, in addition to the branches of instruction before required, be competent to give instruction in Greek and French languages, astronomy, geology, rhetoric, logic, intellectual and moral science and political economy."

From these authorities it is readily learned that the primary object of our public schools is to give instruction in the elements of certain branches, and that morality and character as distinct from that morality and character which naturally springs from the daily association with a teacher of "competent ability and good morals," and from a thorough knowledge of the branches taught are incidental and secondary, not that morality and character are secondary in fact to knowledge, only that in the curriculum of our public schools, they hold a subordinate place, which is more than overbalanced by the prominence which is given to these qualities in their appropriate spheres. The State has wisely left the formation of character as a primary work to others than the teachers in our public schools; to parents, pastors and friends, in the home, church and social relation; by advice, direction and admonition; by religious teaching, pastoral association and godly example; by all the incitements of refined and intellectual intercourse with which they are brought in contact. In these sources is found the great character-moulding power to which training in our public

schools can be only slightly supplementary. We, by no means however, ignore the influence of the daily association and example of a teacher who possesses the legal qualification of "good morals," and gladly encourage all that can be done by teachers and school officers in increasing the manly and womanly characteristics of scholars, in the discharge of their primary and legitimate duties; and while legislatures and magistrates are enjoined by the Constitution to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity, benevolence, charity, industry, frugality, honesty, punctuality, sincerity, good humor and all social affections and generous sentiments among the people, and teachers are equally enjoined to inculcate the same by precept and example, the conception and cultivation of these inestimable virtues come legitimately within the sphere of home and parental duty. There, all well done, the good offices of the school become trebly profitable and effective. The better the home the better the school.

METHODS.

The annihilation of time and space in the material world by the use of steam and electricity has found its counterpart in some degree in the radical change in methods of teaching which have been wrought within a few years. The teacher of a generation ago would stand aghast at a primary school of to-day in which the "A, B, C's" are no longer taught and the "A-B, Ab's" are no longer "said," and the "B-A, Ba, K-E-R-, Ker, Baker" is no longer "spelled," but in which scholars are actually taught to read and write before they "know" their letters, paradoxical though it may seem. Now the scholar learns to read and write and know the meaning of words before he learns the letters or even the elementary sounds of which they are composed. It is claimed and it is demonstrated beyond question that a great saving of time can be effected and a child reach a given point in his school instruction at an earlier age by this method. Equally

important if not as striking changes have been made in the schools of a higher grade. The extent to which subject and object teaching have been carried, the facilities of obtaining information through the senses of touch and sight, the attractive garb in which dull subjects are now arrayed, all tend to the acquisition of a given amount of information in a shorter period of time; but the thoughtful mind at once queries if solidity of learning and discipline of mind are not sacrificed to speed in the acquisition of information; in other words, is not a mind stored with knowledge instead of a mind trained to reason and to act, made the objective point of school life? The child is shown the picture of a man; the word is written under the picture and the child is required to look at and write the characters which are pronounced "man." He does it, remembers it, and the next day can write it without the picture, and has thus learned to read, write and know the meaning of the word; but the question is, has he not learned it without any sufficient exercise of his reasoning faculties? Again, a child is shown a picture of a dog and the name of the animal written under the picture, and he is told that the characters which he sees when named are also the name of the picture before him. He is taught to pronounce and write it, and the next day is able to pronounce and write it from memory, and thus, as it is said, another word is added to his vocabulary; but when the characters are reversed neither the brush of the painter nor the chisel of the sculptor is able to convey to the mind of the child any delineation of the form of the Great Giver of Life, and he is left without the slightest resource within himself, or the slightest power to combine the different elements which make up the name of his Creator. The power to learn words as appplied to the names of objects familiar to the senses is of comparatively easy acquisition, and is of as comparatively small importance; to put letters and their elementary sounds together and construct words, is a far more difficult thing, and the acquisition of this power will give a

training to the mind of a child which, it seems to us, can never be attained by the processes of illustration and comparison, and the question naturally suggests itself if the older and slower way is not the better. This cannot be correctly answered except by the most careful observations and comparisons for a series of years by those who have the time to give to the work and the training which will qualify them for its proper performance. We are led to these reflections by complaints which come to us frequently that our scholars do not reason well, that they do not know how to study for themselves, that they expect everything to be told to them. These are serious complaints, and we fear, are only too well grounded. They are the same alluded to in the report we had the honor to submit one year ago, and in which a partial remedy was suggested, which was at once put in force, but of the results it is now too early to judge. We respectfully submit, however, to our State Board of Education and to the leading spirits in our educational system, if it is not time to call a halt and review the work of the last decade. This we do in no carping spirlt, but simply to ask that the same wisdom which governs ordinary affairs, may govern our educational interests, and that errors may be corrected, doubts removed, and the unquestioned work pushed with vigor.

During the year past our schools have had more than the ordinary number of obstacles to overcome; through the early parts of the spring and summer epidemics of a contagious character prevailed to a considerable extent in certain portions of the town and affected seriously the attendance and rank of the schools. Later in the season, the resignation of several of our trusted teachers demoralized to a certain extent those under their care; the choice in several instances of unsuitable persons to fill the vacancies added to the demoralization which ordinary changes would have made. All these have added to the work and anxiety which have devolved upon the Committee and have taken just so much of their time and attention from the immediate supervision

of the actual work of the schools. We have been able, however, to substantially comply with the requirements of the law in this respect. That our schools are properly supervised, no one who has read the reports for a series of years will charge the present committee with saying or believing. The condition of things absolutely forbids it. It cannot be expected that six men who come from the ordinary walks of life, without special training for the work, and with business of their own, should master the details of our school system, the improved methods of teaching, the variety of text-books to be used and the greater variety to be examined, to decide upon the qualifications of teachers, determine upon the success or failure of their work, hear and decide upon the numberless complaints of scholars, teachers and parents, to care for school houses, yards, fuel and all the details of furniture and supplies which are necessary to the harmonious and profitable working of the schools. The fact is, we need a good supervisor, a man of scope and yet of details, one who is thoroughly acquainted with the most advanced work and thought in the educational line from the lowest primary to the highest grade of school, one who can and will devote his entire time, thought and energy to the work, and familiarize himself with the wants of every teacher and scholar in the town, can repress when repression is needed, and encourage and lift up when encouragement is needed, and who, by his innate power can create an enthusiastic love for the work in those around him. The magnitude of the work demands it. The town is wealthy enough to pay for it, and why not add to our appropriation a sum adequate to secure a man suitable for the place. The difficulty in carrying this suggestion into effect we know lies in obtaining the man, and if at first we make a failure we must revert to the old childhood adage "try again". Maintaining our faith in the principle, we shall, sooner or later, find a man who can and will be of untold value to our schools. This is a practical question for the town to consider by its appropriation,

and we now only re-state the fact that our schools need the entire time of a person, whose services are worth at least two thousand dollars a year, and that it is folly for the town to expect such work to be done by a half dozen or other number of business men for the sum now paid the School Committee. This is not written as an argument in favor of an increase of salary of that board, but only in the discharge of our statute duty that the "School Committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the school as the Committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof." The course now pursued neither adds dignity to the work nor assures the character of its performance.

DISCIPLINE.

With few exceptions the discipline maintained in our schools within the last year has been good. Criticism has been made, however, upon the methods; but those who have criticised the most have failed the worst to suggest a remedy, and when brought to the test, the best and most they could say was, "It seems as though something different might be done." It is always a perplexing question. Corporal punishment is distasteful to all, and in many cases the most so to the person called upon to inflict it. Marks, checks and suspensions are frequently resorted to and occasionally even an expulsion; suffice it to say, that all these methods are usually unsatisfactory to the teacher and never satisfactory to the offender. But so long as human nature remains as it is, there must be some law with some penalty attached to it, and some power to enforce the law and inflict the penalty. When some better method is discovered, the teachers will be on the alert to adopt it, and they will gladly welcome as the millenial day the time when the moral power at home shall be so exercised as to relieve them of the illegitimate duty of government, and relegate them to their true sphere of teaching.

Infinitely better will it be when the subtle influence of home and parents shall control the conduct of the child abroad, and the conscientious desire for right-doing shall animate us all, than now, when of necessity,

> "The sovereign law,—that States collected will,—
> O'er thrones and globes elate,
> Sits Empress, crowning good, repressing ill."

WARD SCHOOLS.

The ungraded schools in the wards suffer in comparison with those in the centre from the fact that so many classes are placed under the care of a single teacher. It is simply impossible for a teacher who has six grades to compete successfully with a teacher who has only one, but that is the condition of the North, East, Woodville and Greenwood schools, and the same is partially true in the West Ward and Franklin schools. The higher classes in each school must receive the larger share of attention, and the younger and smaller ones must be to a certain extent neglected. It has been thought that the employment of an assistant who should have charge of the lower classes would prove a material advantage, but the school buildings are not so constructed and arranged that an assistant can be employed to advantage. A more effective, though a more expensive remedy, would be to grade the schools and establish another in each of the wards. It is true that they would be at first small, but possibly the boundary lines of the wards might be temporarily changed to the advantage of both; but, large or small, it is a serious question for the town to consider whether it can afford to neglect any of its children. So far as it is practicable the welfare of the community demands that the children in the wards should have equal opportunities with the children in the Centre District. This is another practical question for the town by its action to determine.

We have overrun our appropriation; we disliked to do it; an emergency arose which required us to do so or stop the schools, and we unhesitatingly chose the former course. We have rarely had a more practical demonstration of the utility of the law which authorized it than in the present case, and we have no hesitation in invoking the approval of the good sense of the town. We made last year estimates which we thought would prove sufficient to cover the expenses of the year, and the town in a generous spirit granted all we asked. The sum appropriated, however, proved inadaquate, largely from causes which we could not foresee; in the regular school department by a necessary increase in teachers' salaries, and in the contingent by the building of an outhouse in the High School yard, and by making an inside fire escape from the First Grammar School room in the High School building by the order of the Inspector of Public Buildings for the State. At the last annual meeting the town made the following appropriations for the support of the schools:

Regular Appropriation,	$11,500 00
Contingent,	1,000 00
Painting,	500 00
Total,	$13,000 00

From the regular appropriation we have expended:

For Teachers' Salaries,	$10,469 07
For Janitors' Salaries,	705 00
For Coal,	820 03
For Wood,	52 25
Preparing same,	15 67
Total,	$12,062 02
For incidentals (including the out-house and fire-escape, which together cost $486.00), the sum of,	$1,287 32
For painting,	421 03
Total expenditure,	$13,770 37

being an excess of total expenditure over the total appropriation of $770.37. The amount in the Treasury of the School Committee accumulated from the Massachusetts School Fund and other sources; which has been appropriated to the reduction of this debt, was $443.51, which leaves a net expenditure over the amount placed at the disposal of the Committee of $326.86.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the summer term Mr. Sanford, who had been principal of this school for two years, resigned his position to enter upon the study of medicine. He had won the respect and love of those under his charge by the quiet earnestness of his purpose, and the thorough manliness of his character. His teaching was comprehensive and progressive, and his resignation was a serious loss to the school. Mr. D. N. Putney, his successor, came with flattering recomendations from former fields of labor as a thorough scholar and successful teacher, and we have no doubt of his scholarship or his capacity to teach. He, however, soon manifested a lack of ability to control his temper, and a want of certain characteristics which are deemed essential for a teacher in this school. At the end of one term's service he retired. Mr. Walter C. Hill, a native of our neighboring town of Stoneham, a graduate of Harvard College, and a teacher of twelve years' experience, was elected to the vacant place. A scholar of high rank, a teacher of varied experience, a gentleman by nature and cultivation, his success was immediate, and we confidently predict that his administration will be harmonious, popular and valuable. The former assistants, Miss Keith and Miss Greenough, still remain in the school and render effective service in their respective departments. During the serious interruptions which have taken place within the year they have labored zealously that the school might not suffer thereby. The prospects of the

schools were never more promising than at this time, and if the usual percentage of scholars from the school below is promoted at the next annual examination, the school room will be crowded the ensuing year, and with the usual percentage of successful promotions another year, additional accommodations will be required. We hope that ere long we may be able to say that our High School fits scholars for Harvard College, without conditions. This is one end to be attained, not that all scholars shall be obliged to pass through such a course of study, but that every scholar in the school shall have the opportunity if he desires.

The graduating exercises of the class of '81 which took place in the Town Hall were not arranged for show or dramatic effect, but as a fair exhibition of the talent of the Class. The exercises gave evidence of thoughtful preparation and more than the ordinary share of good common sense. The following is the order of exercises and the names of the Graduating Class.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Chorus—The German Father-land, . . *G. Reichardt.*
2. Salutatory and Original Declamation—Some Aspects of Success, Jeremiah J. Lyons.
3. Recitation—The Sioux Chief's Daughter, *Joaquin Miller.* Kate F. Kirk.
4. Song—"I come, I come," . . . Arr. from *Donizetti.*
5. Some Reminiscences, . . . Read by Alfred E. Mellet.
6. Essay—A Few of the Wonderful Changes going on about us, Walter S. Moran
7. Solo and Chorus—The Image of the Rose, *G. Reichardt.*
8. Declamation—Pericles before the Areopagus, Nathaniel S. Coffin.
9. Calisthenics.
10. Reading—The Schoolmaster's Conquest, . . . *Anon.* Lillie A. Rollins.
11. Round in Six Parts—Chicago Street Cries, *P. P. Bliss.*
12. Essay—The Realm of Silence, . . Margaret J. O'Hea.
13. Glee—The Blue Alsatian Mountains, . . . *Arranged.*
14. Valedictory—Vincit, Qui se Vincit, . Isabelle Townsend.

15. Presentation of Diplomas.

16. Parting Hymn— Arr. by G. F. Wilson.

Another year has rolled around,
The yearly tasks are now complete.
With anxious thoughts we've hailed the time
Whose pleasant coming now we greet.
But ere we part the ties that bind
Our hearts, and bid emotion swell,
With love and gratitude combined,
We'll say farewell, a fond farewell.

We'll not forget through many years,
The heartfelt joys we here have known,
How dear as classmates, true and kind,
In hours of pleasant toil we've grown.
Yet in our hearts we'll often say
To classmates dear, farewell, farewell.

To those who've wisely guided us,
And toward our faults have been so kind,
Who've filled our hearts with moral truth,
And with much knowledge stored the mind,
We give all thanks that words convey,
That grateful hearts can feel so well,
And, with the hope that God will bless,
To teachers dear, farewell, farewell.

17. Prayer and Benediction.

The following are the names of the Graduates:

BUSINESS COURSE.

NATHANIEL S. COFFIN, ALFRED E. MELLETT,
KATE F. KIRK, LILLIE A. ROLLINS.

ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL.

JEREMIAH J. LYONS, MARGARETJ. O'HEA,
WALTER S. MORAN, ISABELLE TOWNSEND.

ADVANCED GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school since its establishment in 1872, has occupied a prominent and honorable position inthe educational system of the Town and as the one in which many of our scholars receive their final training in the public schools. It has always been under the care of Mrs. Wentworth, which is sufficient guaranty of its character.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The organization of this school requires it to recruit its ranks from the Second Grammar, North Ward, East Ward, Woodville and Greenwood schools and the difficulties of assimilation are numerous and sometimes vexatious. The work of organizing and getting into running order a school which comes from several sources and from under the care of different teachers is greater than when scholars have been in one class, and all familiar with one style of work. At the close of the annual examination it was found that nearly one hundred scholars had passed to this grade, a much larger number than ever before. The accommodations in the school room were not sufficient for this number, so as many as could be accommodated were transferred to this school room, and the remainder were left in the room occupied by the Second Grammar School but are considered members of the First Grammar School, and are there fitting for the Advanced Grammar. Since 1873 this school has been under the charge of Miss Perkins, the present teacher, whose work is too well known to need mention here. She has been well seconded by Miss Lizzie F. Ingram of Amherst, Mass., whose zeal and faithfulness we take pleasure in commending. An interesting feature of the school the past year has been the preparation and reading of a weekly paper, designed as an exercise in composition and writing by the pupils. We have had the opportunity of examining a number of these exercises, and have frequently found those which would do credit to children of a much larger growth.

SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

During the summer vacation Mr. Cutter, the former very popular teacher of this school, resigned to accept a position with larger salary at Natick, Mass., where he now remains. Mr. F. B. French of Woburn was elected to fill the vacancy, but resigned on account of ill health before the close of one term's service and Mr. E. W. Wright of Abington was elected his successor. Mr. Wright, by education and experience is a High School Teacher, and he entered upon his duties in this school with some misgivings. Near the close of the term he resigned because his work was neither congenial nor satisfactory to himself. Mr. Wright is a thoroughly conscientious man, and with different surroundings we believe he would have met with the same success that has attended his work heretofore. He was immediately appointed Principal of the High School in Adams, Mass. After a week's delay Mr. Philander A. Gay, a highly successful teacher for years in the Hingham and Milton Schools, was engaged to fill the vacancy, and now has charge of the school. All the indications point to a worthy administration of affairs, and a speedy return of the school to its accustomed rank.

THIRD GRAMMAR.

This school has remained as for some years past under the charge of Miss Warren. During the year ending June, 1881, there was a class in this school of equal grade with the second grammar, and really a part of it which could not be accommodated in that school room. Both classes did good work, and as large a percentage belonging to the second grammar school in this room as in the other passed successfully the examination for promotion.

THE CENTRE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

In these schools there has been no change of teachers during the year. Miss Field, Miss Emerson and Miss Currier,

in the first, second and third intermediates respectively, have done their usual faithful work, and their schools have made corresponding progress.

FIRST PRIMARY.

During the summer term of this school Miss Stearns' health began to fail, and it became apparent to her friends that she was over-worked, and during the vacation following a leave of absence for one year was granted her. The town can very ill afford to lose the services of a teacher like Miss Stearns, and it is confidently hoped that at the beginning of the next school year she will be able to resume her position.

Miss Mansfield, so long a teacher in the West Ward Primary, was transferred at her own request to the place made temporarily vacant by Miss Stearns' absence, and has now the charge of the school with her usual success.

SECOND PRIMARY.

Miss Hersey contiued in this school until she completed five years' service in December last, when she resigned on account of ill health. Her resignation occasioned universal regret, and she will carry with her the highest esteem of all who have been associated with her in any way during her stay in the town. She came to us in 1876 fresh, vigorous and full of enthusiasm, and imparted a new impulse to the primary work in pur town, which no one familiar with it can fail to recognize. It is to be hoped that she will regain her health, and that the town may again enjoy the benefit of her services. Miss Emma L. Randlitt, a young lady who has had special training for primary instruction, was chosen to fill the vacancy, and, so far as we are able to judge, her work meets with the approbation of those connected with the school.

NORTH WARD.

During the summer vacation Miss Evans, who had been a teacher in this town for more than twenty years, was compelled to resign on account of sickness in her family. In this long term of laborious service she has proved an accomplished teacher, a lady of singularly attractive disposition and character, and hundreds of our people have happy memories of the time spent under her care. Miss Alice Freeman, a graduate of our High School, and the former assistant in the First Grammar School, was promoted to the charge of this school, and is exhibiting in it much aptness for teaching and more than ordinary originality of method. We shall be disappointed if her individuality does not afford corresponding results.

EAST WARD.

At the close of the school year Miss Killoran, who had been in that school for some years, retired from it and went west for a short time; returning with improved health, she accepted a situation offered her as principal of the grammar school in Middleton, where, we understand, she has just closed a very successful term of service. Miss Etta Hamilton was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Miss Killoran, and now has charge of the school. Whenever we have visited it since the change of teachers it has appeared in good order and condition and we believe the appearance true.

WOODVILLE.

Miss Brown continues to interest and instruct the scholars in this school. During her administration we have been pleased to notice marked improvement in her classes; an enthusiasm has been awakened among her pupils that we have not seen before equalled in this school. We expect good results at the next examination.

GREENWOOD.

Miss French, the teacher of this school at the time of our last report, resigned during the April vacation to assume more congenial duties in life, and Miss Susan S. Beebe, a teacher of long experience, was secured to fill the vacancy, and is now discharging her duties in a most satisfactory manner.

FRANKLIN STREET.

Whether there is anything in the atmosphere of these schools provocative of a missionary spirit we do not know, but a desire for that work has again this year deprived us of a valued teacher. Miss Hervey resigned in December to take charge of a missionary field of labor in the territory of Utah, under the auspices of the New West Commission, of which Rev. Mr. Bliss, formerly the Chairman of our School Committee, is the Secretary. We hear good reports of her work in that territory, and we feel sure that all who knew her here will wish her abundant success there. After a week's delay and some difficulty, Miss Bertha Dana, of Rutland, Vt., a young lady of excellent education and successful experience in similar schools, was appointed to the vacant position. Her work thus far seems thorough and earnest, and we apprehend that her administration will be a satisfactory one.

The Primary School still continues under the care of Miss Howlett, who, during the year, has done the same faithful and successful work as heretofore.

WEST WARD.

We said in our report submitted in 1878, just after Miss Miller was appointed teacher in the intermediate school in this ward that she gave promise of becoming a successful teacher, and we are glad to be able to record a fulfilment of our expectations. The results in her room show a conscientious devotion to her work. Upon the transfer of Miss

Mansfield from the Primary in this Ward to the Primary in the Centre District, Miss Abbie M. Andrews of this town, a graduate of the Salem Normal School, was appointed substitute, and has been discharging the duties of that position since that time with a good degree of satisfaction.

MUSIC TEACHER.

Mr. George F. Wilson has for several years had the charge of the music in our schools. His popularity and efficiency are well known and appreciated. His careful labors have borne good fruit in ways too numerous to specify here.

Contrary to our usual practice, we have thus given some details in relation to all our schools, endeavoring to avoid indiscriminate praise, while we have sought to say what of each may be truthfully said. We would not have either the town, the teachers or the scholars think that our schools are in a condition no longer susceptible of improvement, but we do believe that the standard of our schools is as high as in our neighboring towns, and that they approach as nearly the standard as they, and that this is due to the assiduous labors of the teachers in charge, than whom there are no more laborious corps of public servants anywhere.

TEACHERS' LIFE.

It used to be said frequently, and we hear it now occasionally, that a teacher's life is an easy one, occupying five and one-half hours a day for five days out of a week. No more mistaken idea ever prevailed. The majority of the teachers in this town average ten hours per day of labor six days out of a week for the whole school year, and some of them exceed that number of hours in their school work. Time was when it was considered an assumption to call teaching a profession. Time is when not only teaching is recognized as a profession, but when teaching different grades of schools

have become distinct professions. The training and education required to be a successful teacher in a high or classical school is no longer the training and education required to teach a primary or grammar school, and it does not follow because a person is an excellent teacher in one grade of school that he will prove even a fair teacher in another; the opposite is the rule. Persons who now propose to teach in any given grade of school should have a training adapted to that grade.

Remembering the readiness with which our teachers accepted several reductions in their salaries a few years since, when from necessity the most rigid economy was exercised; the increased labor and expense of fitting for a teacher's life; the large amount of labor to be done and the enhanced cost of living, we ought now in more prosperous times to meet their desire for a larger compensation as they met ours for a decrease, cheerfully and not grudgingly, and in a manner that will show our appreciation of their work. The remark made lately that as good teachers as ours can be readily had at the same or less price than we pay, must have been made by one who was wofully ignorant or maliciously untruthful. The experience we have had the past year in filling the thirteen vacancies which have occurred, will satisfy any mind capable of satisfaction upon that point. Good teachers cannot be had and kept without fair pay. Poor teachers can be had by the score for a pittance, but it would be far wiser to hide the money in a napkin than to expend it in pay for such service.

SCHOLARS.

Last year we took occasion to notice in our report the improvement in the tone and manner of our scholars, and to express our approbation thereof and our hopes for the future. We have occasion to think that this a plant of slow but steady growth, subject alike to the blight of the frost and the quickening of the sunshine. We have had some un-

pleasant experiences and evidences of evil tendencies and dishonesty, but many, very many more, of integrity and true nobility of character, and it is a pleasant thing to recall instances of manly truthfulness at the risk of punishment, and frequent instances of nice discrimination upon individual duty. The uniform testimony of our teachers is, that the talent in our schools is good, and that we have many pupils who are destined to make a significant mark in the various professions and callings in life if rightly directed. And we earnestly ask our young friends to be true to their best natures, and believe the experience of their elders, which tells them that labor has its sure reward. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard," if such thou art, and learn something from a lowly yet enterprising insect, that by patient labor builds its hill of sand, grain by grain, and to the bee, who collects his winter's store of honey by long continued search and myriad visits to the flowery sweets. Some of you, we well know, have many temptations in your way; many difficulties to overcome. Some are called upon to do much hard work outside of school life, and some (not many) feel at a tender age the pangs of poverty. Let these hindrances only nerve the arm to better deeds. Recently one of the great men of Massachusetts passed away under the sunny skies of Italy, one whose name is rendered familiar and dear to many of you by his early boyhood work, "Two Years Before the Mast." At a meeting of the bar of the United States, holden in Boston to do some honor to his memory, a great lawyer and former judge of our highest court said: "His social position, and what would be called his social advantages, never helped him, but were a hindrance. He turned his back upon all social favor in this community, when, with his living to get, and his young family to support, he took up the cause of the slave and the fugitive, when merchants and financiers, ladies and scholars, frowned upon him, and I have often thought, instead of being born in Boston or in Cambridge, the grandson of a Chief Justice, the son of a

distinguished scholar, he had been born thirty or forty miles inland, and the son of a Congregational deacon, coming from the district school, the farm and the wooden meeting-house, he would have been the foremost man in Massachusetts by all men's acknowledgment."

It is said that in one of the great battles of the late war a division of our army was sent across an open field to dislodge a force of the enemy stationed upon a high hill. As they hastened to the hand-to-hand conflict the enemy poured upon them a terrible fire which mowed down their ranks like grass before the scythe, and they faltered. At once from their commander ran along the line the ringing words, "Close up! move on! touch the elbow!" and with the mighty electric power born of the touch, they scaled the heights and won the day.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

From the appearance of the school houses in town no one will question the wisdom of the appropriation made during the last two years for painting, and when the figures of the cost are read, no one will question the wisdom and economy with which the same has been in part expended.

There are several school yards, notably the Centre, West Ward, Franklin Street and Greenwood, which are in a very bad condition, and quite an expenditure of money ought to be made upon them at once. Slight repairs have been made occasionally as the money could be spared from the contingent appropriation, but with this we were able to do only the most temporary work. We ought now to adopt some system of permanent improvement, and pursue it systematically. Experience elsewhere has fully tested the value of well laid concrete for walks and yards about public buildings, and we respectfully suggest that the town appropriate such sum as it deems proper upon the walks through our school yards and about the entrances of our school houses. We are satisfied that this would prove an economical measure in many respects. The fence about the school yard in

the Centre District is very much dilapidated, and ought either to be repaired and painted or removed. The same is true of the fences about some of the other school houses in town. It is our duty to call the attention of the town to these facts, and then to do what the town in its greater wisdom directs.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In view of the debt already upon us, and the evident increase in the cost of schools the ensuing year upon the present basis, we recommend an appropriation of $13,000 for regular school purposes, $1.000 for a contingent fund, and such sum as the town may think wise for a Supervisor, and for permanent improvements as above suggested.

COMMITTEE.

At the close of this year Mr. Balch retires from the Board and will take up his residence in Iowa, that he may the more efficiently discharge the duties of his position as Chancellor of Central University of Iowa, and the other members of the Committee desire in this public and permanent manner to express their high appreciation of his services on this Board since he became a member of it in 1876. Of the other members, the terms of the Secretary and Chairman expire by limitation, so that it will be necessary for the town at its annual meeting to elect three new members to this board.

Hereto appended may be found some statistical tables of interest to which we call the attention of the town, and which, with the foregoing, we respectfully submit as our annual report.

SAM'L K. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*
LUCIUS BEEBE.
THEO. E. BALCH.
E. P. COLBY.
WM. N. TYLER, *Secretary.*
SELIM S. WHITE.

March 14th, 1882.

[NOTE.]

WAKEFIELD, March 13, 1882.

S. K. Hamilton, Esq., Chairman, and the other members of the School Committee :

GENTLEMEN—I hereby resign my membership of your honorable board, to take effect at the close of the current school year.

I have been honored with this position for many years, and believe that the time has now arrived when I should ask to be relieved from it, and that the interests of our town and schools will not be prejudiced thereby.

With thanks, gentlemen, for the courtesy you have ever shown me, and wishing you success in your official duties as well as in your private relations, I remain,

Respectfully and truly yours,

LUCIUS BEEBE.

The above letter, which explains itself, was received before the report was placed in the the hands of the printer, but was not acted upon in the hope that Mr. Beebe could be prevailed upon to withdraw it, but the urgent solicitations of the other members have failed to induce him to remain longer upon the board, and his resignation has been reluctantly accepted. Twelve years' active experience upon this board have made his services particularly valuable upon it, and we know the whole town will experience a sense of personal loss upon his retirement.

S. K. HAMILTON, Chairman.

March 21, 1882.

NAMES OF PRESENT TEACHERS FOR THE YEAR, SALARIES, AND DATES OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected	Salaries.
High . .	Abbott Sanford, .	Sept.. 1879.	$1100 pr. yr.
" . .	David N. Putney, .	" 1881.	1100
" . .	Walter C. Hill, .	Dec. 1881.	1500
" . .	Martha Keith, . Ass't	April, 1878.	600
" . .	Lucy P. Greenough, "	Sept., 1879.	400
Advanced Gram'r,	Mrs. M. E. Wentworth,	Mar., 1871.	700
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, .	Sept., 1873.	575
" " "	Alice Freeman, Ass't .	" 1880.	200
" " "	Lizzie F. Ingram, "	" 1881.	250
Ctr. Gram. No. 2,	Fred'k S. Cutter, .	Jan., 1878.	800
" " "	F. B. French, .	Sept., 1881.	800
" " "	E. W. Wright, .	Dec., 1881.	800
" " "	Philander A. Gay, .	Feb. 1882.	1000
Ctr. Gram. No. 3.	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871.	500
" Interme'ate. 1,	Alice Field, . .	Jan., 1879.	380
" " 2.	Clara E. Emerson, .	Dec., 1879.	380
" " 3,	Alice G. Currier, .	Mar., 1880.	360
Centre Primary, 1,	Myra A. Stearns, .	Sept., 1875.	400
" "	L. J. Mansfield, .	" 1881.	380
" " 2,	Mary I. Hersey, .	Dec., 1876.	400
" "	Emma L. Randlitt, .	" 1881.	360
West Intermediate	Nellie A. Miller, .	Sept., 1877.	380
" Primary,	L. J. Mansfield, .	" 1881.	380
" "	Abbie M. Andrews, .	" 1881.	380
Franklin St. Int.,	Sarah C. Hervey, .	Aug., 1880.	380
" "	Bertha Dana, . .	Dec., 1881.	380
" Primary,	Eva E. Howlett, .	July. 1880.	380
North Ward, .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862.	380
" "	Alice Freeman, .	Aug., 1881.	380
East Ward, .	Annie R. Killoran, .	Sept., 1873.	380
" "	Etta Hamilton, .	Aug., 1881.	380
Woodville. .	Kate L. Brown, .	" 1880.	380
Greenwood, .	Mary F. French, .	Nov. 1880.	380
"	Susan S. Beebe, .	April, 1880.	380
	Geo. F. Wilson, (Music)	Sept., 1876.	500

Number of Scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1st, 1881, 1014; Males, 476; Females, 538.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	No. belonging to school. Feb. 28, 1882.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	68	65.5	63.60	97	56
Advanced Grammar,	55	49.6	47.4	95.5	25
First Grammar,	64	62.7	59.4	94.7	8
Second Grammar.	54	54.7	51.4	92	3
Third Grammar,	44	44.5	41	92	
First Intermediate,	37	38	34	89.4	
Second Intermediate,	35	38	34	89.4	
Third Intermediate,	55	43.8	39.4	86	
Centre Primary, No. 1,	47	45.1	38.8	83	
Centre Primary, No. 2,	35	45.11	39.05	86	
North Ward,	43	38.2	32.7	89.3	
East Ward,	40	39.9	34	85.2	
Woodville,	37	39.5	31.8	80.1	
Greenwood,	45	47.5	39.1	82	
Franklin Intermediate,	59	54.4	49.3	90	
Franklin Primary,	61	54.9	46.8	85.8	
West Ward Intermediate,	53	48.3	42.2	87	
West Ward Primary.	37	49.4	40.1	81	

TOWNS.	Population—Census of 1880.	Valuation in 1881.	No. of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, May 1st, 1880.	No. of diff. scholars in school, 1880-81.	Average number in school 1880-81.	Sum appropriated to each child between five and fifteen years of age, 1880-81.	Percentage of valuation appropriated to public schools.	Salary of High School Principal.	Average salary of male teachers per month.	Average salary of female teachers per month.
Arlington, .	4100	$5,190,493.00	814	870	767	20.885	.00328	$1700.00	$112.69	$46.06
Malden, .	12017	10,339,075.00	2082	2731	2021	15.37	.00310	1750.00	175.00	51.83
Melrose, . .	4560	3,705,058.00	888	1065	756	12.387	.00297	1600.00	160.00	47.50
North Reading,	900	537,143.00	144	169	144	11.111	.00298	None	None	33.00
Reading, .	3181	2,523,165.00	498	594	522	16.064	.00317	1000.00	105.25	37.75
Stoneham, .	4891	2,991,770.00	887	952	768	13.247	.00393	1540.00	155.00	43.84
Wakefield, .	5548	3,433,456.00	914	859	882	12.582	.00335	1100.00	95.00	40.89
Watertown, .	5426	7,881,820.00	855	992	746	17.567	.00191	1600.00	97.50	47.25
Winchester. .	3802	3,741,844.00	563	730	584	21.314	.00320	1600.00	130.00	40.60
Woburn, . .	10938	8,216,383.00	2229	2280	2035	13.459	.00365	1800.00	105.00	45.00
Quincy, Norfolk Co., .	10529	7,560,381.00	1948	2097	1643	13.398	.00345	1400.00	100.00	42.50

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY,

WITH LIST OF

ACCESSIONS OF BOOKS

During the Year.

BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS FOR 1881-2.

Lucius Beebe, ...	*Chairman.*
Theo. E. Balch, ...	*Secretary.*
Chester W. Eaton, ...	*Treasurer.*
Miss Victorine E. Marsh, ...	*Librarian.*
Miss Octavia A. Yale, . . .	*Ass't Librarian.*

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Lucius Beebe, Azel Ames, Jr., Otis V. Waterman,
Joseph M. Sculley, George H. Teague.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

S. O. Richardson, Cyrus Wakefield, J. M. Cate.
Francis P. Hurd, W. N. Tyler.

COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

Chester W. Eaton, Thomas Winship, T. E. Balch,
W. H. Morrison, J. R. Mansfield.

The Library is open for the delivery of books Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, from 2 to 5.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees herewith present their twenty-sixth annual report to the town, together with those of the Treasurer and Librarian.

By the latter it will be seen that the Library continues to be appreciated by our citizens, and that the demand for books steadily increases from year to year.

BOOKS.

In the selection of books for the Library the Trustees have endeavored to purchase such as would be acceptable to all portions of our reading community, and believe that the accessions made compare favorably with those of any previous year. A preference has been given to those of a standard character, and such as will be of permanent value to the Library. But in catering to the tastes of those who read for recreation as well as for instruction, many works of a lighter character have been bought, for

> "A little nonsense now and then,
> Is relished by the gravest men."

But they have taken care to exclude all such as would be objectionable or out of place in a library like ours.

EDUCATIONAL.

The importance of the Library as an auxiliary to our public schools is made manifest by the constant application of scholars to the Librarian, for works that will elucidate the matter of their text-books. And it is also useful as a means of initiating them into the familiar use of books for investigating subjects of study, whether scientific or literary.

The teachers also avail themselves of the store of educational works which the shelves contain; and although the Library has ever been an assistance to them, it becomes more effective in proportion as our schools are improved, and their scope of usefulness extended.

MUTILATION.

The usual amount of injury by marking, scribbling and defacing, as well as by careless handling, has been inflicted by a few thoughtless readers upon a portion of the cheaper works, but the more valuable and costly books are comparatively safe, as they are taken by a more appreciative and responsible class of readers. We bespeak for our Library the co-operation of the citizens in our efforts to preserve it from injury.

STATISTICAL.

By reference to the History of Reading, Page 499, it will it will be seen that "the Act of the Legislature authorizing towns to raise money to establish and support public libraries, was passed during the session of 1851, and the town of South Reading, having already shown its liberality in making appropriations for the support of free schools, was among the first of the country towns of this Commonwealth to avail itself of the provisions of the statute and establish a free town library," and the records of the Library show that dur-

ing the twenty-six years of its existence its benefits have been shared by our citizens and children of all classes; and that a growing interest is manifested in its success and prosperity. If any one should doubt this let him visit the Library at a proper time, and witness the eagerness with which the crowd of applicants manifest their desire and press their claim for books.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The new classification of the books and their re-arrangement on the shelves, as indicated by the catalogue, has been tested, and found to be a manifest improvement, affording additional facility to the public as well as to the Librarian.

The library now contains 7,232 volumes by actual count, all of which are in good condition for use. The work of the Library has been performed by the Librarian and her assistants with efficiency and fidelity, and they have co-operated with the Trustees in their endeavor to extend its benefits to all the residents of our town, with as few restrictions as would be consistent with its preservation and safety.

CONGRATULATORY.

The Trustees would improve this opportunity to congratulate our citizens on the improved condition and prospects of our town during the past municipal year.

At the commencement of it we were still suffering from a depression in business and monetary affairs that was unequalled in its duration, and in its application to every branch of industry that gave support to a large proportion of our people. And this had been augmented by the calamitous fire that destroyed several of our largest manufactories, depriving hundreds of laborers of work, and causing a feeling of sadness that was shared by all.

But under the direction of wise management substantial and imposing brick edifices with increased capacity have arisen, phœnix-like, from the ashes of those wooden structures, have been furnished with improved appliances, and now throng with busy workmen.

A new industry has been introduced which promises to add largely to our population, and to utilize property that has hitherto remained unproductive.

Other evidences of thrift may be seen in the stores, factories and shops, and more noticeably in the homes, which cannot be surpassed in neat and comfortable appointments by those of any other town in our Commonwealth.

CONCLUSION.

The occupants of these stores, factories, shops and homes are the patrons of the Library, and in view of the facts above stated, and that we may keep pace with these accessions to our population and wealth, and that the Library may continue to be one of the attractive features of our town, we recommend to the voters of Wakefield an appropriation of four hundred dollars, and the dog-tax now in the hands of the Town Treasurer, for its support the ensuing year.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

CR.

By balance from last year,	$12 03	
Town Appropriation,	300 00	
Dog taxes, refunded Town by County,	238 04	
Interest on Flint Fund,	60 00	
Interest on Hurd Fund,	20 10	
Sale of old books and papers,	1 85	
Sale of Catalogues,	4 90	
Fines collected,	31 85	
		$668 77

DR.

To cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian,	$275 00	
for purchase of books,	271 95	
repairs of books,	78 00	
covering paper,	15 23	
express charges and postage	14 27	
sundries at Library,	5 65	
printing and advertising,	8 67	
		$668 77

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER W. EATON,

Treasurer of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library.		7,232
Added by purchase within the year, . .	290	
donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,	31	
Hon. Selwyn Z. Bowman,	9	
Commissioner of Education,	1	
Maj. Gen. W. B. Hazen,	1	
Weston Public Library,	1	
Mrs. Helen M. D. Slack,	1	
Publishers, . . .	3	
		337

Number added in each class.

Theology, . .	Class 1,	4	
Mental and Moral, .	" 2,	6	
Political and Social,	" 3,	11	
Natural Sciences, .	" 4,	9	
Medical Sciences, .	" 5,	2	
The Arts, . .	" 6,	9	
Language and Literature,	" 7,	16	
History, . . .	" 8,	18	
Travels, etc., . .	" 9,	21	
Biography, . .	" 10,	10	
Poetry, . . .	" 11	5	
Fiction, . . .	" 13	226	
			337

Persons having signed the By-Laws during year,	145
Number of acct's on which books have been charged,	749
books rebound, ...	314
in popular demand, replaced, .	115
discarded, ...	108
Whole number of books delivered, . . .	28,704
Greatest number to one account, . . .	221
Average number delivered each day, . . .	285
" " " " hour, . . .	57

VICTORINE E. MARSH,

WAKEFIELD, MARCH 20, 1882. *Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY SINCE PUBLICATION OF LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

THEOLOGY—CLASS 1.

In the Brush. Hamilton W. Pierson	331
Sermons of the City. Henry C. Potter	332
Story of the Manuscripts. Geo. E. Merrill	330
Study of the Pentateuch. Rufus P. Stebbins	333

MENTAL AND MORAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 2.

Advanced Readings. Austin B. Fletcher	179
Beauty in Dress. Miss Oakey	181
Common Sense About Women. T. W. Higginson	182
Orthœpist. Alfred Ayres	184
Report of the Commissioners of Education—1879.	180
Verbalist. Alfred Ayres	183

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 3.

Congressional Records—46th Congress, 1st Session. 3 Vols.	120
" " " " 2d " 6 "	121
Report of the Chief Signal Officer War Department—1879.	119

NATURAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 4.

History of a Mountain. Elisee Reclus 208
Index to Fourteen Treatises on Natural Philosophy. 216
Moon; Her Motions, Aspects, etc. R. A. Proctor 213
New England Bird Life. (ed) Elliott Coues 210
New Star Atlas. R. A. Proctor 211
Popular Science Monthly. Vol. 18. Youmans 209
" " " " 19. " 212
Vegetable Mould and Earth Worms. Charles Darwin 214
World of Wonders. 215

MEDICAL SCIENCE.—CLASS 5.

Sea-Sickness—Symptoms, Nature and Treatment. G. M. Beard 88
Text-Book of Physiology. M. Foster 87

THE ARTS.—CLASS 6.

Building a Home. A. F. Oakey 209
Culture and Cooking. Catherine Owen 203
Famous Sculptors and Sculpture. Mrs. J. A. Shedd 208
Home Garden. Ella Rodman Church 206
Home Grounds. Alexander F. Oakey 205
Household Hints. Emma Whitcomb Babcock 207
How to Furnish a Home. Ella R. Church 202
New Cook Book. Maria Parloa 210
Signal Tactics. Lieut. Hugh T. Reed 204

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.—CLASS 7.

Art of Speech. Part 2d. L. T. Townsend 456
Bachelor Bluff. Oliver Bell Bounce 457
Catalogue of the Weston Public Library—1881. 453
Chips from a German Work-shop. Vol. 5. Max Muller 459
Garfield's Words. (comp) William R. Balch 458
Harper's Magazine. Vol. 60. 450
" " " 61. 451
" " " 62. 452
Journal of a Farmer's Daughter. Elaine Goodale 449
Note-Book of an Elderly Lady. E. M. Sewell 454
Madame de Sevigne. Mrs. Richmond Ritchie 455
Pepacton. John Burroughs 448
Specimen Number of the Monograph. 460
Stray Moments with Thackeray. W. H. Rideing 447
Sunlight and Shadow. John B. Gough 462
Wit and Wisdom of the Bench and Bar. Hon. F. C. Moncrieff 461

HISTORY.—CLASS 8.

Around the Hub. Samnel Adams Drake 411
Boston Town. Horace E. Scudder 416
Boys of '61. C. C. Coffin. 2 copies. 413
English Worthies before the Conquest. W. H. D. Adams 414
Garrison and His Times. Oliver Johnson 412
Gibraltar and Its Sieges. 409
Hidden Power. T. H. Tibbles 406
Making of England. John Richard Green 418
Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement. Harriet H. Robinson 415
Massachusetts State Government. A Souvenir--1880. 2 Vols. 419
Nez Perce Joseph. O. O. Howard 407
Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government. Jefferson Davis. 2 Vols. 417
Short History of the English Colonies in America. Henry Cabot Lodge 404
Turkish Life in War Time. Henry O. Dwight 405
Young Folks' History of America. (ed) H. Butterworth 408
" " " " Boston. " " 410

GEOGRAPHY, TOPOGRAPHY AND TRAVELS.—CLASS 9.

All Aboard for Sunrise Lands. Edward A. Rand 568
At Home in Fiji. C. F. Gordon Cumming 577
Directory of Wakefield, Stoneham and Reading. Dean Dudley 574
East of the Jordan. Selah Merrill 569
Exploration of the World. Great Explorers. Verne 571
How I Crossed Africa. Major Serpa Pinto. 2 Vols. 561
Land of Gilead. Lawrence Oliphant 559
Land of the Midnight Sun. Du Chaillu. 2 Vols. 572
Newfoundland to Manitoba. W. F. Rae 564
Nooks and Corners of the N. E. Coast. S. A. Drake 575
Norsk, Lapp and Finn. Frank Vincent, Jr. 562
Our Young Folks Abroad, James D. McCabe 567
Random Rambles. Louise C. Moulton 560
Rip Van Winkle's Travels. Rupert Van Wert 566
South Sea Sketches. Mrs. Madeline V. Dahlgren 570
Spain and the Spaniards. Edmundo de Amicis 563
Story of a Scandinavian Summer. Katherine E. Tyler 565
Swiss Letters, etc. F. H. Havergal 576
Two Years in Oregon. Wallis Nash 573

BIOGRAPHY.—CLASS 10.

Charles Henry Brigham; Memoir and Papers. 638
Thomas Carlisle. Moncure D. Conway 640
James T. Fields. Biographical Notes and Personal Sketches. 642
From Canal Boy to President. Horatio Alger, Jr. 641
Rowland Hill—Preacher and Wit. E. W. Broome 639
David Livingstone. H. G. Adams 635
Memoirs of Leonora Christina Ulfeldt 637
Thomas De Quincy. David Masson 647
Memorial Biographies of N. E.—1845-52. 636
Noah Webster. Horace E. Scudder 648

POETRY.--CLASS 11.

Farm Festivals. Will Carleton 219
Poets and Poetry of Ireland. A. M. Williams 218
Poetical Works of Percy Bysshe Shelley. 2 Vols. 217
Poems. Harriet P. Spofford 220

PROSE FICTION.--CLASS 13.

A Laodicean. Thomas Hardy 2255
Aunt Serena. Blanche W. Howard 2252
Baby Rue. No Name Series. 2217
Bailiff's Maid. From the German of Marlitt 2197
Benvenuta. Emma Marshall 2273
Blessed Saint Certainty. William M. Baker 2202
Bread and Beer. Mary D. Chellis 2264
Buried Alive. Fedor Dostoyeffsky 2199
By the Tiber. Mary Ann Tincker 2156
Cape Cod Folks. Sarah McLean 2266
Chateau D'Or. Mary J. Holmes 2166
Cobwebs and Cables. Hesba Stretton 2211
Cornet of Horse. G. A. Henty 2222
Country-Byways. Sarah Orne Jewett 2250
Cousin Maude. Mary J. Holmes 2192
Dick Netherby. L. B. Walford 2270
Dingy House at Kensington. 2276
Dr. Breen's Practice. W. D. Howells 2254
Eichhofs. From the German of Reichenbach 2158
Eleanor Maitland. Clara E. Clement 2268
Esau Runswick. Catherine Macquoid 2275
Ethelyn's Mistake. Mary J. Holmes 2165
Eunice Lathrop, Spinster. Annette L. Noble 2238
Fair Barbarian. F. H. Burnett 2157
Family Fortunes. Edward Garrett 2246
Fearful Responsibility. W. D. Howells 2216
Foster Sisters. Lucy Ellen Guernsey 2262
Friends: a Duet. E. S. Phelps 2208
From Father to Son. Mary D. Chellis 2265

Gentleman of Leisure. Edgar Fawcett 2215
Gretchen's Joys and Sorrows. From the German of Helm 2218
Handicapped. Marion Harland 2227
Happy-Go-Lucky. Mrs. Miriam Harris 2195
Iron Cousin. Mary C. Clarke 2274
John Eax. Albion W. Tourgee 2277
Kalani of Oahu. C. M. Newell 2230
Kiss and be Friends. Julia P. Smith 2194
Knights of Today. Charles Barnard 2201
Legend of Thomas Didymus. J. F. Clarke 2155
Lesson in Love. 2204
Letter of Credit. Miss Susan Warner 2243
Lost in the Post. Mrs. Henry Wood 2163
Lucy. Julia P. Smith 2198
Lutaniste of St. Jacobi's. Catherine Drew 2224
Madeline. M. J. Holmes 2242
Manuela Paredes. No Name Series. 2203
Mildred's Cadet. Alice K. Hamilton 2223
Miriam, Marion Harland 2167
Mrs. Geoffrey. 2214
Mr. Perkins' Daughter. Clara Lanza 2205
Mrs. Overtheway's Reminiscences. J. H. Ewing 2239
My Lord and My Lady. Mrs. Forrester 2269
My Wife and My Wife's Sister. No Name Series. 2267
Nameless Nobleman. 2196
Nihilist Princess. M. L. Gagneur 2220
Our Homes. Mary D. Chellis 2266
Patty's Perversities. 2231
Pocket Measure. Isabella M. Alden 2221
Portrait of a Lady. Henry James, Jr. 2253
Queen Titania. Hjalmar H. Boyesen 2240
Red Man's Revenge. R. M. Ballantyne 2244
Royal Gentleman. Albion W. Tourgee 2228
Ruby's Husband. Marion Harland 2168
Schoolmaster's Trial. A Perry 2162
Severa. German of Hartner 2263
Shadows of Shasta. Joaquin Miller 2200
Sinner and Saint. Alphonso A. Hopkins 2209
Six Girls. Fannie Bell Irving 2236
Somebody's Neighbors. Rose Terry Cooke 2154
Stories of Adventure. (ed) E. E. Hale 2251
Synnove Solbakken. Bjornstjerne Bjornson 2210
Tempest and Sunshine. M. J. Holmes 2164
That Beautiful Wretch. William Black 2229

Tigers and Traitors. Jules Verne	2207
Two Russian Idyls.	2160
Tzar's Window. No Name Series.	2159
Warlock O'Glenwarlock. Geo. Macdonald	2233
What Can She Do? E. P. Roe	2193
Wide, Wide World. Susan Warner	2245
Wild Work. Mary E. Bryan	2232
Without a Home. E. P. Roe	2248
Wood Magic. Richard Jefferies	2219
!!!———. Rev. George H. Hepworth	2212

JUVENILE STORIES.

Bear and Forbear. Oliver Optic	2179
Brave Old Salt. " "	2166
Breaking Away. " "	2178
Boy Traders. Harry Castlemon	2190
Boy Trappers. " "	2189
Buried Treasure. " "	2191
Children's Book. (ed) Horace Scudder	2261
Cross Patch. Susan Coolidge	2241
Dab. Kinzer. Wm. O. Stoddard	2161
Dog's Mission, etc. H. B. Stowe	2260
Down the River. Oliver Optic	2177
Double Runner Club. B. P. Shillaber	2271
Elsie's Girlhood. Mrs. Martha Finley	2237
Five Little Peppers. Margaret Sidney	2258
George at the Wheel. Harry Castlemon	2256
Go-Ahead. " "	2184
Lightning Express. Oliver Optic	2182
Make or Break. " "	2175
No Moss. Harry Castlemon	2186
On Time. Oliver Optic	2180
Phaeton Rogers. Rossiter Johnson	2234
Plane and Plank. Oliver Optic	2173
Pocket Rifle. J. T. Trowbridge	2221

Polly Cologne. Mrs. Abby M. Diaz	2257
Poor and Proud. Oliver Optic	2172
Quartet. Wm. O. Stoddard	2235
Queer Little People, etc. H. B. Stowe	2259
Sportsman's Club in the Saddle. Harry Castlemon	2187
" " among the Trappers. " "	2188
Starry Flag. Oliver Optic	2176
Sunny Shores. " "	2174
Switch Off. " "	2181
Tent in the Notch. Edward A. Rand	2225
Through by Daylight. Oliver Optic	2183
Tom Newcombe. Castlemon	2185
Try Again. Oliver Optic	2171
Two Young Homesteaders. Theodora R, Jenness	2206
Unseen Hand. Elijah Kellogg	2272
Up the River. Oliver Optic	2249
Yankee Middy. " "	2170
Young Nimrods in North America. T. W. Knox	2213

AUDITORS' FINAL STATEMENT.

In fulfilment of our duties we again present to the town the annual reports of its officers, and certify that the accounts of such officers as have had charge of the collection or expenditure of moneys, have been examined by us, and that they are now correct and properly vouched for.

The funds as reported in hands of the Treasurer of the School Committee as stated upon Page 58, has been applied upon the bill of Mr. George Packard referred to upon Page 57.

The cash balance in hands of J. C. Rounds, keeper at the Almshouse, as per report of the Overseers of the Poor of last year, seems not to be accounted for either in the Report of the Overseers of this year, or as having been returned to the Town Treasurer. We understand that Mr. Rounds disputes the balance as reported, claiming that the statement then made was not correct.

A few slight errors have occurred in printing, which, although unimportant, we refer to as follows, viz.: An error of $1.00 in Treasurer's Report, Page 89, in connection with the State School Fund paid to the School Committee, and in the Town Debt Statement, Pages 90 and 91, the *cents* in the "Total Liabilities" should be 38 instead of 63.

T. J. SKINNER,
E. E. EMERSON,
W. S. GREENOUGH. } *Auditors.*

INDEX.

	Page.
Appropriation Committee's Report,	132
Appropriations, List of	51
Assessors' Report,	118
Auditors' Report,	51
Auditors' Final Statement,	195
Births,	136
Board of Health, Report of	129
Bounty of Wm. Newhall,	84
Byron Street,	80
Central Street,	80
Cistern, cor. Otis and Pleasant Sts.,	84
Collector's Statement,	87
Commemorative Services,	48
Concrete Sidewalks,	77
Cottage Street Ledge,	81
County Tax, (Treasurer's Report),	89
Deaths,	146
Emerald Street,	80
Engineers' Report,	119
Fire Department Expenses,	59
Fish Committee's Expenses,	86
Fish Committee's Report,	125
Fish Rules and Regulations,	127
Highways and Bridges,	71
Jurors, List of	5
Librarian, Report of	186
Library Finances,	62 and 185
Loan Account, (Treasurer's Report),	90
Main Street Repairs,	82
Marriages,	140
Memorial Day,	62
Military Aid,	67
Miscellaneous Expenses,	60

Overseers of the Poor, Report of 93
Park Extension, ... 79
Pleasant Street, ... 82
Police Report, ... 123
Poor Department Expenses, ... 52 and 93
Reservoir, Albion Street, ... 83
Rules and Orders, ... 49
Salaries of Town Officers, ... 63
School Committee's Report, ... 151
School Contingent Expenses, ... 55
School Expenses, (Regular), ... 53
Seats on Common, ... 84
Selectmens' Report of, ... 115
Smith and Lincoln Streets, ... 83
State Aid, ... 92
State Tax, (Treasurer's Report), ... 89
Street Lamps, ... 58
Tax Deeds, List of 91
Town Clerk's Report and Statistics, ... 135
Town Debt, ... 90
Town House Expenses, ... 64
Town Meetings, Records of 6
Town Officers, List of 3
Treasurer's Report, ... 88
Trustees of Library, Report of 181

PR 29
APR 14